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I do not support a new bridge. I have spent years following the last attempt to put in a bridge. It costs millions to study and failed. It failed for many reasons: 1. Cost. There was not enough funding available. The state had said they would not be supporting much of the cost of the bridge as it was not considered regional. The only other methods would not generate enough for it: Tolls, a gas tax, and increased property taxes - many property owners would never or seldom use it - which would have to be passed in a bond measure. 2. The placement for the bridge made it more expensive because it was in an earthquake liquefaction zone. The bridge would not stand in an earthquake. Any new bridge must be in bedrock, as our current Marion St and Center St bridges are. An aside: Those two bridges were built with the capability to add a lane to each. Do that instead and fix the entry/exit ramps. 3. A local bridge does not warrant the destruction of homes, businesses and farmland. Anyone considering another bridge must first study the former attempts.

In addition, each should familiarize him/her self with climate change. It's real; it's here. We need to be considering bus and rail transit that will get people out of cars. We used to have more rail lines. I'd guess you know that Europe uses rail quite successfully. Look at this map and I'll rest my case:

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Thank you.