

Submitter: Roger Phillips
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2137

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Roger Phillips, and I am a proud resident of West Salem. I also happen to be an accountant, but I won't bore you with numbers today. Instead, I would like to share with you my daily struggle during rush hour.

As a West Salem resident, I have to cross the Willamette River to get to work in the morning. And let me tell you, the traffic is a real horror show. It's like a scene from a movie where the cars never move and you're stuck in your vehicle for hours. I've even considered bringing a tent and a cooler, just in case.

However, this situation can be greatly improved by building a third bridge. Not only will it alleviate the traffic congestion during work commuting, but it will also have numerous positive effects on our community.

Firstly, a third bridge will greatly improve the response time of emergency vehicles. Imagine the peace of mind knowing that if a medical emergency occurs, the ambulance can reach you in a timely manner.

Secondly, with the additional bridge, we'll save time and fuel, which is good for both the environment and our wallets. And let's be honest, who wouldn't love a few extra minutes in the morning to enjoy that second cup of coffee?

Lastly, the construction of a third bridge will provide job opportunities for our fellow Salem residents and boost the local economy.

In conclusion, building a third bridge is not just about improving the daily commute, but also about creating a safer, more efficient, and economically thriving community. I hope you will consider my testimony and support HB 2137.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Roger Phillips