



BIKE LOUD PDX

BikeLoud PDX is Portland's bike advocacy non-profit with the goal of holding the county and city accountable for our goals to create a city where one quarter of all trips by bike is possible. I am writing to express our support for allocating money towards a new Burnside Bridge through HB 3301 and 3323. This money will allow the county to leverage even more federal funds to rebuild this vital bridge as soon as possible and to share the cost of this rebuild with federal resources.

Our bridges are some of our most important assets in making a more bikeable city. The current painted bike lanes on the Burnside bridge do not do enough to attract people to ride a bike. A recent survey of over 400,000 transportation users found that 95% of people felt comfortable riding on the type of protected multi use path that is being proposed while only 42% felt comfortable with the type of bike lane that currently exists on the bridge.

Connecting this bridge to our bicycling investments on the nearby earl blumenauer bridge over I-84, connections to the Eastbank Esplanade, and bicycling facilities on NE Sandy which are called for in the transportation system plan will make the Burnside bridge an attractive place to ride a bike over.

A new burnside bridge will allow us to create the bridge that works for future generations and will keep us protected and safe after the Cascadia subduction earthquake. It is vital for the future of Portland that this bridge gets built. We do not want to miss our opportunity to leverage federal funds to get this earthquake ready bridge funded.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kiel Johnson', is written in a cursive style.

Kiel Johnson
BikeLoud PDX Chair