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I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

\$7 billion is a crazy amount to spend, and lying about a bridge replacement when we're doing a massive freeway widening is gross.

More auto traffic is not good for our neighborhood and more cars will increase the pressure to widen other parts of the freeway system. Evidence from Los Angeles, Dallas, Houston and many other American cities shows how this is a failing strategy.

ODOT can't even come up with a financial plan to maintain our existing roads. Let's give a small amount of money for this project and fix our existing system. We don't want a mega bridge and failing local streets. We want a system that weekend for all users.

We need to plan for the future we want but the constant threat of highway expansions prevents us from doing anything but fight against bad ideas. Please force there highway departments to the drawing board for a smaller right sized bridge