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I oppose the amendment, but recognize we need to replace the bridge and suggest it be replaced with two bridges. One for freight. By having two bridges, if one bridge is damaged, via earthquake, etc. a second bridge may escape damage.

The bridge represents a major transportation corridor for the regional economy. Recent analysis by the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project team shows that about 10% of the daily traffic over this bridge is freight, or about 13,500 trucks daily. The daily value of this freight is over \$70M and expectations are that this will double by 2040. The congestion that is created in the corridor between the Rose Quarter and I-5 Bridge increases the cost of goods, creates unpredictability, and increases the emissions of both cars and trucks.