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It's decades past time for the Oregon and Washington departments of transportation and legislative bodies to put an end to its insane notion that continual expansion of roads and bridges is progress and a means to enhancing our livability and securing our survival into the future, when in all ways it is the exact opposite.

We need to live within our environmental and economic means. Expanding the highway and bridge capacity on I-5 over the Columbia River will put us all into greater debt and penury.

Instead of pursuing more growth, we need to make prosperity for all our collective growth, and not just for the elite few extremely wealthy, who continue to enrich themselves more every day at the dire expense of everyone else. Plugging the leaks of natural resource and fiscal wealth, which have been flowing at increasing rates to these extremely wealth, and preserving and multiplying that wealth within our communities is the antidote to all the destructive growth that the compulsion to expand our roads and bridges present.

You're going to be alive for only a few more decades at most. Do what's best for people and planet, not phantom wealth.