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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 -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

Decades of research into transit efficiency, induced demand, and city planning have shown that expanding freeways (and bridges by extension) is an expensive way to kick a problem further down the road. We need to build our infrastructure with public mass transit in mind, not expand our already bloated car infrastructure in an attempt to purchase a few more years of traffic flow.