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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.

We do not need more freeways, and we certainly have better uses of the \$7 billion proposed by this bill than to build them. I don't want to see more pollution and bloated infrastructure put into Portland than there already is. We need to address the real problems rather than creating new ones. We have over 700 seismically vulnerable bridges across Oregon that need to be replaced. We have unsafe roads like SE Powell. There is no excuse for such an obscene amount of funding to build a freeway that will only increase car traffic and pollution.