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I oppose the -2 amendment to this bill. As it stands, IBR is spending the vast majority of its allotted budget expanding the freeways and adding freeway interchanges than actually replacing the bridge. While replacing the bridge is obviously needed, freeway expansions are a financial black hole that do not relieve congestion. Believing that expanding freeways relieves congestion is a belief as scientific as the flat earth. Please reject this outrageous pseudoscience. Expanding freeways has only ever generated more traffic via induced demand. This will result in higher costs, higher pollution, and more traffic deaths. You will not get different results this time. Please right size this bridge instead. Congestion can be addressed via demand based congestion tolling and expanding transit across the bridge.