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Dear committee members, I live in St Johns a neighborhood of Portland quite close to the Interstate Bridge. The current proposal is way too massive. We do need a new bridge that will stand up to the coming big earthquake. And the bridge should handle cars and trucks of course as well as busses and light rail and bikes, skate boards and walkers. Light rail will take a lot of traffic pressure off the bridge so it will not need any more lanes. And I use the existing approaches frequently to access the businesses on Jantzen Beach and they are adequate except during evening rush hours. That pile up of traffic will be mostly gone when light rail is crossing the bridge. I remember the tolls that paid for the second span. I'm not looking forward to tolls coming back.

Lastly and maybe most important is the time factor. The proposed huge bridge and freeway interchanges will be very expensive and TAKE A LONG TIME TO BUILD. We need that bridge as soon as possible and with the least disruption possible. Thank you for dealing with this complex and contentious project.