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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose the -2 amendment to this bill. As it is current proposed, the IBR is using a vast majority of its budget expanding the freeway system and adding additional freeway interchanges than actually building/repairing/upgrading the bridge. While bridge upgrades/replacements are necessary, freeway expansions are statistically and financially a void for budgetary spending - as they do nothing to relieve congestion and in most documented cases - actually makes it worse. This belief of expanding freeways as a way to address congestion and movement of peoples is uneducated and misguided, sometimes even outright ignorant of studies and documented evidence. This expansion of the freeway will ultimately lead to more costs onto the tax payer, more pollution around our beautiful rivers and residencies, and the potential for even more fatal accidents. Please address the needs of the bridge in a way that makes sense; use funds to repair and upgrade public transits options through the bridge and include congestion tolling to freeways.