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I use the Gorge bridge nearly every day, as does my wife and several members of my family. The bridge is a tight squeeze with semi trailers going over it and trying to co-exist with cars, and crucially offers no option for going over it with anything but a car or motorcycle. We are a huge biking community, also hikers, and there's no option for us to cross other than driving. Bearing in mind the massive loss to the communities involved should there be an earthquake that impacts the bridge (look no further than last summer's disruption when a loader hit the bridge span, knocking out bridge service for a long weekend), not to mention potential loss of life bearing in mind how busy the bridge is, it's important that the new bridge be built.

As traffic grows in the Gorge, the existing bridge is woefully inadequate and must be replaced.