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On Behalf Of: St John's Neighborhood Association  
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I am submitting testimony for support of appropriating money to the DOT and then the city of portland to redesign the Columbia Boulevard bridge. As a resident of St John's this is deeply important to me. We all know that as a city, and perhaps state, we are not adequately prepared for future earthquakes, specifically a large one we've named as "The Big One". When this massive earthquake hits it will be extremely important that the entire city has emergency access routes for evacuation to safety. As of today, no such route exists for the residents of St. Johns. Without this crossing the damage of the earthquake will be exacerbated and result in a greater number of fatalities. I urge the legislature to appropriate this money so the citizens of this neighborhood can safely exit the area, and for relief supplies to make their way back into the neighborhood during the rebuilding effort. Thank you for considering my testimony.