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Myself, my family and my St Johns community needs your help. Desperately. Please, please add funding to rebuild our bridges to ensure we have a way to evacuate when an eventual disaster strikes. Since I'm not very good at words I'm also including a thorough rundown of things that's a little more generic:

A natural disaster IS coming. It is one that will cause a life and death threat for 20,000 residents and workers. This disaster will be compounded because the state has made vulnerable the north peninsula of Portland due to storing 90% of the fuel for the whole state at the CEI Hub less than a mile away! After the quake we will have no route from which to escape or have ingress to procure food, or to receive medical help.

We are asking for \$5 million so that the city of Portland can do the design work necessary to then apply for federal monies to rebuild one of the bridges that WILL collapse, as determined by PBOT, on what is supposed to be an emergency route. It will take years before we realize an actual seismically resilient bridge, even after we obtain these funds. With a 1 in 3 chance of a major quake in the next 35 years on the radar, it behooves us to start the process of securing this emergency route as soon as possible.

IF WE DO NOT MITIGATE THE DANGER, OREGON WILL FACE A SITUATION THAT WILL DWARF THAT OF THE HORRORS OF THE SUPERDOME AFTER KATRINA. We must have an emergency route!

Families will be separated

No emergency vehicles in/out

No medical help

No food resupply

No repair trucks

In the worst-case scenario, if a toxic cloud comes from the CEI Hub -WE WILL BE TRAPPED!

This is a STATE issue and an issue of environmental justice. We live under the threat of the CEI Hub, which holds 90% of the fuel for the whole state of Oregon! If we are going to be under that threat the least the state can do is provide us an emergency route out for when it explodes!

Any city in Oregon under the threat we are under deserves an emergency route.