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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
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I am a resident of Cathedral Park and board member of the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association, and I urge you to please consider funding the 30% design of the Columbia Bridge over the cut in St Johns. This will enable the City to go after funding for the final design package and construction. The bridge ultimately is a critical connection that will help residents on the Peninsula access emergency services and vice versa in the case of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. By not doing this project, over 20,000 people will be trapped. Columbia Blvd is also a designated freight route, and providing this updated bridge will enable it to stay open as a freight route instead of progressing toward a weight restriction and diverting freight through the neighborhood toward the St Johns Bridge, which is not desired by any - freight drivers, ODOT (more maintenance on the St Johns Bridge), neighbors. Thank you!