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I live in St Johns with my soon to be kindergartener.

When the expected earthquake hits (1 in 3 chance in the next 35 years), all bridges between North Portland and the rest of the city are expected to collapse. None are reinforced. There are no hospitals on the peninsula. There are ~20,000 people who live and work on the peninsula above the railroad cut. That's a population the size of Ashland, OR or Sherwood, OR.

One might think that's fine, we'll prep a lifeboat and float down the river, except that 90% of the fuel for the whole state at the CEI HUB directly across the Willamette in the liquefaction zone. After the earthquake, if a toxic cloud comes, we will have no route from which to escape. Plus, we will be completely cut off, possibly for months – no ingress to procure food, receive medical help or unite families.

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 four bridges that will collapse, as determined by PBOT, on what is supposed to be an emergency route.

10 years ago was the right time to start the designs, but the next best time is now.