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Greetings everyone. With the crisis of I-5 cutting off commerce to and from Hayden Island: A bridge modification will only interfere and make worst the situation. I have been proposing a new bridge with the cooperation of 9 Oregon Tribes and 26 Washington tribes. First of all, The new Willamette Gateway bridge will connect North Portland Industrial at the Kelly Point Park. It will land directly across at the Sauvie Island and then split North and West. It would cross West to Highway 30 Oregon. It would also go parallel along the Columbia River Over Sauvie Island approximately 6.5 miles to 12 miles depending on the best location to cross the Columbia River.

- It can cross the Columbia at the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Reservation. Tolling would be run by the Cowlitz and Washington Indian Federation at that point of entry.

- Kelly Point onramp would be tolled by Oregon Tribal Federation.

- Highway 30 on ramp would be tolled by The State of Oregon Transportation Department.

- I-5 and it's mystery ramps that dead end into outer space; has bisected North and Northeast Portland since its' conception back in the 1970s. Causing excessive pollution, traffic congestion, and small business closures.

- This would be a duel bridge construct since it ultimately crosses two very large rivers.

It is time to bring jobs, jobs, jobs, and solve the problem which has a choke hold on multiple communities and two States. Thank you for your time