



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #2

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, February 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

5.a. [19-74](#)

Council decision on how to proceed with Salem River Crossing Project

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship;
Safe Community; Safe, Reliable, and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong
and Diverse Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter indicating how Council intends to proceed with the Salem River Crossing Project.

Attachments:

[Take Action on Remaining Issues](#)

[No Further Action](#)

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Amy Johnson

From: Cindy Kimball <kimball.cindylou@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:41 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Salem River Crossing

Dear Mayor and Salem City Councilors.

I am writing to express my opposition to the current Salem River Crossing Preferred Alternative. My reasons include:

1. Our city does not have the funding
2. We have other more important issues to address, such as homelessness
3. Reports have shown that the amount of time saved with a third bridge is minimal
4. We would be encouraging our community to use their cars and not alternative transportation
5. Businesses and homes would be negatively impacted on both sides of the river

I would like to see as much money (Over \$6 million) spent on investigating and planning through the Congestion Relief Task Force, on traffic options for our city. We should be forward thinking and plan for more bike transportation, walking, bus, flex time at state and city offices, etc.

Thank you for your service to our community

Sincerely
Cindy Kimball

Amy Johnson

From: dottie carr <dottiecarr827@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:32 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: 3rd Bridge

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My husband and I are residents of Capital Manor and want to express our desire that you continue to work on the 3rd bridge for Salem. We believe it is critical for the continued ability to move easily through the city.

The cost could be covered by using tolls, which seem to work well in many parts of the country.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Thank you also for the time you give to doing what is best for the City of Salem.

Paul and Dottie Carr

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of grammikim@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:49 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Kim Heide
Your Email	grammikim@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039327982
Street	3054 Oakcrest Dr NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	I am full support of the Third bridge. Please support it as it will help with the building and expansion along with the Safety of West Salem and surrounding areas. It is inevitable we will need one in the future because it's obvious we need one now.. Why not build it now with the funds we have, than wait a few years and pay twice as much.. I support the third bridge as I hope you will too..

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Amy Johnson

From: honey sage <mollym514@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:12 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Third Bridge - Class Issue

Hello,

As resident of West Salem, a parent of three and a full-time worker bee I find it impossible to make city council meetings or other meetings addressing the third bridge. I feel a lot of us that live in West Salem that are employed and aren't well off with scads of time to sit in meetings are probably in the same position which is why our collective voice isn't being heard.

It was about 12 or so years ago. I was on one side of the bridge and my kid was on the other side when both bridges closed down due to a person that was contemplating jumping off the bridge. It took me 6 hours to get to my kid. Since then there have been multiple times where I have been separated several hours from my kids due to the bridge being tied up for whatever reason. Do you know what that feels like? Not knowing when you're going to see your kid? Lots of us do and it's not fun. I feel like those of us that know what it's like are those that support another bridge.

It's easy to say when you live high up on the hills of West Salem in retirement with plenty of money and no kids that..hey.....we all should bike across the bridge. OK. Tell me how I should pack my three kids on my bike and peddle up and down the hills of West Salem to get them to day care and then find the energy after biking with 175 lbs of children depending on the day to bike over the bridge to my work. Or perhaps we should not only put a moratorium on building in West Salem (especially those dastardly low life apartments) but on having kids period if you live in West Salem. You should only get to live in West Salem effectively if you make \$200k a year, are childless and think you're environmentally friendly because you look down on people that have to drive to get to their jobs. Given that barring people from living in West Salem or having kids in West Salem most likely won't come to fruition we need a third bridge. We needed a third bridge 10 years ago.

Has anyone taken the time to consider the impact idling cars on the bridge have on the environment? I'm no scientist but I would imagine the emissions of a car going 50 mph is a lot less than a car stalling on a packed bridge. But again.....it's more glamorous and self-serving to live on your high horse and state everyone should bike over the bridge.

This Bridge issue is more than a bridge issue. It's a class issue. I wonder if you can find a single resident that lives in "the flats" that opposes a third bridge.

Please be a voice for "the rest of us". We don't all live in the hills and have time to promote our back-patting agendas. Some of us are stuck on the bridge trying to get home.

Thanks
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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of TylerFred@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:34 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

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Your Phone	5039321083
Street	Po Box 5531
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Please support the river crossing and use all powers available to you to continue to move this project forward. If we don't move forward now it will be decades before we see a new bridge. The safety, economic, and regional impact of not improving our infrastructure is important to the quality of life in Salem. Thank you

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