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**From:** minimode <minimode@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:** Chris Hoy; citycouncil  
**Subject:** In Opposition of Revisiting the 3rd Bridge

Dear City of Salem Councilors and Mayor Chuck Bennett,

I am a resident of West Salem that is annoyed at the prospect of the city revisiting the already drawn-out and complex drama to build a 3rd bridge—an idea that, from what I can understand, has already been put to death time and time again by previous councils.

Proponents currently claim to be concerned about securing the wellbeing of those west of Salem in the event of an earthquake by ensuring connectivity to the east of the city via a 3rd bridge. If these proponents were truly concerned, why go through all the expense, trouble and lag to have an additional bridge built instead of advocating for the retrofit that is *desperately needed* for the already existing Marion bridge?

Not only will a 3rd bridge not provide a cost-effective or timely solution needed for a pending seismic catastrophe, the millions of dollars already spent to study its viability as a solution to traffic congestion has found that there is no guarantee that it would be effective to that end and would furthermore have catastrophic impact on the environment, nearby neighborhoods and the city's budget.

In voting for a majority of city council leaders that oppose the 3rd bridge solution, the taxpayers of Salem have made their position clear. The 3rd bridge solution is a wildly expensive proposition that will not only fail to relieve traffic for Salem residents but will not provide an immediate solution to safety and disaster preparedness and will irreversibly destroy the environment. The voters have stood up against paying for it. I urge you not to force them to bear the cost of exploring such an option further by a small group of proponents, many outside of the city and others led by investors who likely have a vested interest in having such a monstrosity built, without actually footing the bill for it.

-Vicky Garnier  
West Salem Resident and Homeowner