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Subject: 3rd Bridge.

To whom it may concern:

I keep hearing that we need to construct another bridge across the river to prepare for the future. I believe this is a false assumption. I believe the future needs more walkable neighborhoods and better public transportation options. That's what I'm hearing from younger people.

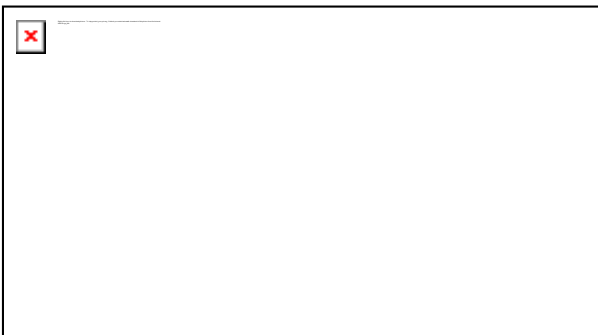
If people wish to continue traveling one person to a car, that's their right. However, they should have to live with the congestion they create. There is no reason to accommodate or provide an incentive to continue that behavior.

If we are going to spend a half billion dollars or more on a transportation solution, it should be spent creating a public transportation system that goes more places more often.

Public transit is the future. If Salem is to be a city of the future, that's where it should invest.

Sincerely,
Robert Howell
Salem, OR

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Subject: Why We Oppose the 3rd Bridge

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Dear Salem City Council:

Before your deliberation on Monday night to advance planning for the 3rd Bridge, please listen to the comments below from 67 of your constituents from all over Salem giving their reasons for opposing the 3rd Bridge. It's not just about the possibility of tolling. There are so many reasons it's just a bad idea, and we need to stop wasting millions on a plan that will never happen. It's no "Sellwood-style bridge." It would need to be twice as long to cross the river floodplain and a 75 acre lake in an earthquake liquefaction zone. The 2-lane Sellwood Bridge project cost \$324 million after several cost overruns, so it's hard to believe that any of the lowball estimates you have heard for this bridge are credible. Please listen to your constituents.



This project would cost millions, with the costs borne by the public, while only the property developers would benefit from it. The idea that it would solve transportation problems is a fantasy. The project should be cancelled immediately. — Eric T. MacKnight

I am a long term resident of West Salem. The bridge has never been an issue in my commute. There are so many more problems in our city that need help. We've wasted so much money on this project. Now I'm watching my beautiful community turn into strip malls and fast food and cheap apartments. If this continues West Salem will lose property values and become another Lancaster Drive. — Virginia Tate

Tolling would be a disaster for Salem, as would be the 3rd Bridge itself. We don't need this billion dollar boondoggle. We need to repair and improve the existing bridges and their approaches. — Brian Hines

We have more important needs than a third bridge. And we should improve the current bridges. — Michael Slater

Most of the traffic congestion is going to work in the downtown area (State Capitol mall, Salem hospital, Willamette University, City of Salem and Marion County) A 3rd bridge that leads to I-5 will not help most of the traffic. — Teresa Joslin

Tolls would segregate communities on each side of the river, discouraging shopping, renting meeting space, providing services such as Meals on Wheels, and visiting friends and family, Spend funds on seismic retrofitting of bridges. Salem doesn't need a third bridge! The minor inconvenience of bridge congestion is easy to avoid by adjusting driving schedules. — J. Martin

This would be detrimental to all aspects of living in Salem and West Salem. It's a terrible concept. — James Hockenull

I live in West Salem. I cannot afford the costs of going ahead with this. Please just fix our current bridges! — Patricia Johnson

The existing bridges need to be upgraded first and the selected site for the third bridge is a poor choice if the city wants anyone to use it. — Bruce Lawson

The third bridge is a waste of money and people do not want to pay tolls. Make the existing bridges earthquake proof. — Michele and Richard van Pelt

This is an ill conceived boondoggle. As a resident of West Salem, I oppose the destruction of an important portion of Wallace Marin Park and the levying of tolls that will fall disproportionately on residents west of the river. — Norman Baxter

3rd bridge simply isn't necessary. FAR better ways to utilize the money, time, ambition. — Forest Fidler

I don't feel that this is the best use of taxpayers dollars. — Katherine Snell

This is a regional facility so the cost should not be borne by local residents. Location is wrong and it would add to congestion, remove homes and businesses, and concrete the west bank of the river. Our existing bridges need hundreds of millions in repairs, so let's do that soon. — Geoffrey James

As an elected official from West Salem, this toll proposal would be hugely opposed by 30,000 residents of West Salem. You can be sure. — Steve Evans

I don't want to pay tolls to go to Polk county. Nor do I want to pay surcharges on vehicle registration or an increase in property taxes to benefit the Chamber of Commerce. — Randi Miller-Grasseth

That's ridiculous to put a toll bridge to cross over the Willamette. I would never pay it! I could swim across or boat across — why would I pay to drive across. I barely go over the bridge now. Making me pay a toll to cross would detour me even more from crossing. I'd take my shopping and other business elsewhere. — Kimberly Hansen

It will be the start of the end of your outrageous corruption. — Paul Casey

Working people will suffer! — Lisa Steward

I want investment in maintaining our existing bridge and roadway infrastructure before building new infrastructure. I think the federal and state governments share this opinion. — Sarah Deumling

We don't need a third bridge and I don't want to pay for it. — Cindy Culpovich

Third bridge is unnecessary use of resources, unfair to local community, more destructive than of benefit to Salem and local communities. — Pat Adams

We need you to spend money retrofitting existing bridges for earthquakes. We need reliable transit and more efforts to get people out of their cars. Our future and that of future generations depend on your good decisions now. Thank you for all you do. — Nancy Pfeiler

Other options, i.e. staggered state worker schedules, aren't even discussed. Traffic light timing and elimination of the 2nd left turn lane eastbound Center @Liberty would help right now. — John McAnally

Before I pay for tolls on any bridge between Marion and Polk County, I expect to see other methods implemented. Work with the Legislature to raise corporate taxes.

Remember, without any cost, the city could work with bigger businesses and government offices to stagger/flex workers' hours so congestion at peak hours is mitigated. — Roberta Cade

This is an absurdly expensive project, not least of all expensive to our environment. — Merrily McCabe

Environmental and social justice issues around the 3rd bridge — Linda Bierly

When will the foolishness of City Hall stop? Until such time as it does we need to unite and resist. — Les Margosian

I want to see my tax dollars go to better public transportation. Stop accommodating more traffic and let's work on public transportation. — Cindy Proudfoot

Tolls are OK, but tolling to fund a giant new freeway when we need to seismically upgrade two existing spans is insane. The city's studies show that tolls are so hated that imposing tolls will eliminate any need for a new span. Ergo, small tolls now on the existing bridges to fund seismic upgrades will solve several problems at once, and eliminate any need for this enormous slushpile of graft for contractors and consultants. — John Gear

It is not the right solution to the congestion problem. Studies have shown that more bridges and cars just lead to more cars. We need a long term solution, like a rapid transit system not more people driving more cars. — Joanna Picchi

Not a practical answer! — Wes Bouche

I will not consider a 3rd bridge until this community provides meaningful (Sat & Sun) and expanded routes, public transit service. I would not support partial funding from tolls under any circumstances. — Randy Fraser

It's a stupid idea. — Tyler Hargrove

We in West Salem feel that we would bear a tremendous burden in paying these proposed tolls. We have participated in and supported Salem over the years, traversing the bridge on a daily basis to participate in Salem's economy. We strongly oppose the possible tolls, and we consider this unfair taxation. — Abigail Brandt

This is an ill conceived plan in every way. — Joni Roberts

I'm on a fixed income and the taxes are already high. Our area of town should not be singled out. Our bus system was stripped to bare bones, and so was our (once) beautiful library. Shame on the city of Salem to continue to reduce our quality of living. — Carol McAfee

I travel for business, this would be a burden on travelers, as these tolls have to be paid upfront! As far as I am concerned, we the citizens of Salem, the people of Oregon, have already paid out tolls with the gas tax! If government agencies have squandered those monies, then shame on you! It is time for responsible accounting from our ELECTED officials. Now, do your job, like we asked you to! — Robert Aldrighetti

Because enough is enough ! The government keeps trying to squeeze every nickel they can out of us! — Darwin Cantrell

We need to upgrade our existing infrastructure, not build more. — Brian Deumling

There would be a mass exodus of people leaving West Salem, as many in West Salem work downtown or other areas where they use the bridge daily and could no longer afford to live in the area paying the toll daily. This mass exodus could destroy the community, neighborhoods would struggle as families would not be able to sell, schools would lose funding and quality of education would decrease as a result. This would also cause people to lose jobs for those who work in the West Salem community. This would be devastating to all of West Salem, which would trickle down and affect the rest of Salem as well. — Sarah Perrota

It's time to cut our losses on this project. It's an expensive pipe dream that, if built, will not "solve" the "traffic" problem but will only add to it. — Bob Coe

I live in West Salem and do a lot of my business and socializing on the other side of the river. I also don't see how the crossing will alleviate the traffic problem as the traffic out to Keizer at maximum times is already horrific. So basically exchanging one traffic problem for another. We have to make mass transit more available and teach the public it's necessity. Have shuttles for state workers and alternate work hours. In addition the city cannot afford this and needs to find another way to create revenue. — Valerie Hendl

Please. No 3th Bridge. The city has no money !!!! — Doug Smith

Toll roads are a source of traffic congestions and pollution. No reasonable thinking person who has ever lived around a toll road would make this absurd and naive suggestion. — Rose Kachadoorian

My Mom is a retired teacher and does A LOT of volunteer work for MANY kids projects. She is on a fixed income and lives in West Salem. She drives over the bridge and back every day. This is a horrible idea!! — LaLainya Kruger

Too many folks who live in what is called low income (as in just barely making it) work in the West Salem area, but live in North Salem, making them the payers of the bridge. Keep thinking - toll is not the way considering just how long and how much this debate has cost so far. — Sally White

Lived here my entire life, never had to pay before, why should I have to pay now? — Julie Kawski

It will effects my everyday life as well as my family's financial well being. No tolls and no more taxes!!! — Jessica Grapentine

Please invest in public transportation before you consider building a 3rd bridge. — Janet Lorenzen

I live and work on different sides of the bridge. I dont want to pay hundreds of dollars just to work. — Peter Anderson

I don't want to pay to cross the bridge. Nor do I want others who can't afford this added expense that aren't equally shared across the population. — Craig Chadwick

I believe there are infrastructure needs far more important than a third bridge. Damn sure don't need the burden of a toll bridge! — Brian Hudgins

We are a home-owning family of five living on one modest income in West Salem. I homeschool my kids and we have to drive over that bridge often several times a day for various reasons. That toll would kill us financially. — Lisa Ryan

Because I live in West Salem I object to having to pay extra to access vital services only available on the east side of town. — Jeannette Holman

As a West Salem resident, I pay city taxes just as those on the east side of the river. To charge tolls for my family to get to their jobs, shopping, doctors, etc is unfair and unjust. — Amber Padilla

I need to cross the river regularly to take my children to physical therapy and many medical appointments. This would create a hardship. — Wendella Marsh

I have friends and family across the bridge. If there is a toll put in place, I don't want to worry about constantly paying and going broke quicker than usual. The same goes for my friends and family in West Salem. They'll have to worry about money when they go to classes at Chemeketa, or go to visit us. — Nicholas Duncan-Calhoon

I live in Salem, and this is just a bad idea all around. — Cindy Pyles

One, Salem does not need a third bridge. It is disconcerting how much money has already been spent on this venture when we are sorely in need of an expanded public transportation system. Public transportation, not toll bridges, would enhance Salem as a city. Furthermore, making these bridges toll bridges would negatively impact the West Salem economy. I am a former West Salem resident and currently live in South Salem. I still frequent businesses in West Salem. I won't be paying a toll to go to West for entertainment options (coffee shop, taphouse, restaurants) or other services (banking, etc.). Don't further separate West Salem from the rest of the city by implementing tolls. — Shelaswau Crier

We don't need a 3rd Bridge. Take care of the existing bridges and use good urban planning to reduce the need for people to use cars. — Laurie Dougherty

The 3rd bridge is not necessary. — John Speckman

Unnecessary project, waste of money, better to spend time and money on other transportation issues, repaving streets, weather recovery, Cherriots expanded service. — David Lewis

Before a third bridge is undertaken, the two existing bridges should get seismic upgrades and a few relatively inexpensive improvements which would make traffic flow more smoothly at peak-use times. The proposed bridge and the access planned is an environmental nightmare and should not be built. — Karen Farmer

Because we need to build up all the things we already have - we need to find other ways for people to travel to and from work to cut down on auto emissions - build up the area for better foot and bike traffic - conserve what we have. — C. Beeken

I live in West Salem. A toll to pay for a bridge that we could avoid with a few behavior adjustments is exploitive. A bridge would displace Salem's poorest residents. And the proposed cost is mindlessly astronomical. Fix the bus service. Reward cars with multiple passengers. Stagger business start and stop times. Then if we need another bridge then we can talk. — Susan Hughes

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Tell LCDC to go to hell! NO STUPID CONGESTION TOLLING!
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