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Hello,

I'm curious if anyone can answer my question:

We already have an underutilized rail link from PDX Union Station to Vancouver that Amtrak uses. Why not add a dedicated commuter link that goes through the St. Johns cut- express service from downtown to downtown? Make a deal with UP to build a new rail bridge in exchange for x. We've made the Steel Bridge work for multiple modes of transport.

Is this impossible or off the table for some reason? 

Forcing the I-5 crossing to do everything simply concentrates congestion.

Thank You,

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