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Hello

Reading this morning's paper on the opposition of three Metro members made me very upset. I am a lifelong NE Portland resident, and a cab driver.

As such, I cannot believe that anybody would oppose this project. Have they experienced the congestion first hand at all?

It seems to me that keeping the through lanes at 6, with additional lanes being auxiliary, addresses the issue of opening the region to sprawl. This would simply be fixing what the freeway should already be. It is simply a matter of efficiency. Who would prefer hours upon hours of idling engines over a few minutes of actual commute, just because the person slowing you down is going from Columbia Blvd to Hayden Island, or Rosa Parks Way to Columbia Blvd? This is not about creating an easier route to a bedroom community, but fixing a BOTTLENECK!!! The existing freeway is a mess. I-5 is a major highway, a major trade route, etc. This should be looked at as a project of increasing efficiency for all routes involved, and a new bridge seems the best way to do that.

Sincerely,

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