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Thank you, Carlotta, Robert, and Carl! I was hoping for someone to stop this freight train!

Last week I was aghast at the newspaper headline which trumpeted "new bridge preferred" based on the bogus survey from a few months ago. It's bogus because all the alternatives presented were within 20-30% of the same price, except for the do-nothing alternative. Who is going to vote for an alternative that costs almost as much and leaves us with a bridge still near end of life? I can't believe that half a bridge costs almost the same to build as a complete teardown and a whole new bridge! Clearly this survey was actually a trumped-up PR project by the bridge boosters designed to generate ammunition for their preferred solution.

Please propose a new survey that includes real alternatives: yours, and a cheaper half-bridge. I'm betting your proposal will win overwhelmingly.

And by the way, why are we allowing through-trucks to continue to use the crowded I5 corridor when we have a nice, nearly new Glenn Jackson bridge that is better able to handle truck weights, is rarely crowded, and only adds 8 mles to their route? It would be far cheaper to address the lesser traffic problems at the I5/205 S intersection and along 205, which will continue to worsen as the Stafford-Wilsonville growth area expands.

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