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Robert Liberty raises a good point: Does the project meet the needs?

Everybody knows from years of research that adding more lanes to a freeway increases traffic. So, if a new bridge is built where does all that traffic go?

Certainly Mayor Pollard wants a new bridge, just as Mayor Katz wanted a tram. It puts a signature on their period of history. But, does the project fit the needs?

The tram might. But, a new larger capacity bridge won't.

If you want to really do something, build a light rail bridge with bike lanes and connect it to the Train Station in downtown Vancouver. Connect the (dots) trains, eventually to the Portland Intl. Airport.

Then, you really have something that will work for the next century.

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