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Build it and they will come. In droves.

The best way to increase traffic, congestion and pollution in the I-5 Corridor between Portland and Vancouver is to double the number of lanes crossing the river. We would also get the added "benefits" of destroyed neighborhoods to accommodate the expansion, increased pollution for the remaining neighborhoods adjacent to the freeway, and one Whopper of a bill to pay the developers to build it.

On the other hand, a much more sustainable, common sense approach would be to take the advice of Robert Liberty, Carlotta Collette and Carl Hosticka: leave the current bridge in place, and charge a toll to cross it while we sit back and study the impact of doubling the number of cars and trucks crossing the river every day. I mean **really** study it, not pay the developers and their buddies to give us a distorted report that says increasing capacity would result in decreased usage. Hah! SO Silly!

The rising price of oil and the detrimental effects of burning it will reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled between Portland and Vancouver on it's own. Adding a toll would not only help reduce the traffic, but give us some money to put towards a solution that actually makes some sense, like mass transit options, bicycle and pedestrian options, and (most important) some sustainable thinking.

Thanks
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