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Are they going to build the new bridge and then tear down the old one, or tear down the old one before starting construction on the new bridge? My real question is, of course, how long are we going to be without a bridge?

Also, why is this process taking so long? I think we've been talking about this new bridge now since 2006... and construction isn't planned to start until 2012. Didn't Kennedy expand our space program in 1961 with the goal of putting a man on the moon, and we accomplished that goal in 1969? Really, we're not going to the moon here; this is just a bridge...

If you can get back to me, that would be great.

Thanks!
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Three lanes in each direction will be maintained across the river, during peak periods, throughout the duration of construction. The existing bridges will not be taken down until the new bridges are functional and traffic rerouted onto them.

The project was conceived as part of the I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership study that was completed in 2002. The high capacity transit extension to Vancouver was studied in detail in the 1990s. It does take a long time to plan; design; secure agreements, decisions and funding; and then build large transportation projects. However, the formal NEPA process started only six years ago. Six years is a short period within which to complete the NEPA process for a project of this complexity, and with many sponsoring agencies (including federal highways and transit, two cities, two states, etc).