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I read the the following article in *The Oregonian*, and I think I came up with a mutually beneficial solution: Why not stack the lanes of the bridge, ala the Queensboro Bridge in New York City, or, more locally, the Marquam bridge over the Willamette. It'd cut the width of the bridge nearly in half, yet you could still put in lanes without taken out all of the businesses or the harbor. Plus, you could put in an interchange with much more ease, thanks to the decreased width (i.e. since the freeway is stacked on top of itself, it would be possible to put in a left-side exit lane on the southbound lane, over where the previous freeway stretch runs, decreasing the need to buy up more land.)

Just something to consider.
-Brennen Hankins, Salem, OR

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The selected alternative proposes two stacked bridges across the river, with highway lanes on the top decks and light rail transit and a pedestrian and bike path on the lower decks. Other stacking options are possible but this configuration provides substantially better access and lower impacts than putting traffic on two separate levels and putting light rail or bike/peds on the top level.

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