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As the emergency ambulance provider in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, AMR believes it is vital to find a solution that will ease the daily gridlock on Interstate 5 and the North-South arterials that run parallel to the freeway on the several mile stretch south of the Interstate 5 bridge. Access to Hayden Island is severely limited during those periods, causing extended emergency response times to the island as well as the freeway and points nearby. In addition, transport times to Emanuel Hospital, one of Portland's two Level-1 Trauma Centers, are lengthened as a result of Interstate 5 congestion. A new bridge with lane capacity to handle the high volume of traffic and safety shoulders would improve response times to North Portland and Hayden Island, which undoubtedly will save lives.