

When the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake hits, 30,000 people and businesses on the north peninsula of Portland will be disastrously impacted. Our officially designated "emergency routes" routes in/out of Portland are grossly inadequate unless we rebuild two railroad bridges and secure a tunnel section.

Both of these routes are also key freight corridors for Portland and the region. To prevent a catastrophe help from the 2025 Oregon State Legislature is required:

1. A feasibility study of the of the Columbia Blvd bridges over the cut has been conducted and PBOT is ready to apply for a grant as soon as they have the "match" funds. The PBOT budget cannot handle the amount needed, approximately 20% of the estimated \$57 million required. PBOT needs the match money.

2. The other emergency route is Lombard. It needs persuasion by state elected officials for the heads of PBOT, ODOT and representatives from BNSF to collaborate on solutions. This collaboration will take staff time and financing. Funding for a feasibility study is crucial. A ASAP study start date is imperative.