

St. John's Portland has many challenges when it comes to the Cascadia earthquake. We are surrounded by oil refineries, factories and industrial chemicals, when the big one hits, the neighborhood will be covered within a toxic plume, chemical residues and other toxic debris.

After the quake, the community won't be able to shelter in place and endure days and weeks of toxic chemical exposure, they will need to evacuate. Evacuation means being able to leave over bridges that are destined to collapse during the big one.

These bridges will allow people to escape the chemical and toxic exposure all but guaranteed to occur from the quake. To ignore it, is to marginalize a community of 30,000 people, families, colleagues, students, employees and friends to a horrible fate.

PBOT needs to rebuild these critical bridges to survive the quake. Protect the community by building strong quake resistant bridges.

Sincerely  
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