

Hello,

I'm writing to encourage the Joint Transportation Committee to prioritize the St Johns community in Portland. There are several safety concerns that need to be addressed before it's too late. Currently there is no reasonable escape route if and when the earthquake comes or a train with hazardous material derails nearby. We've see it happen in other communities across the country and there are over 30,000 people at risk in this area. There has already been a lot of work done and right now lack of investment in this community is holding up progress.

I've lived in the St Johns neighborhood for over 20 years and have always been worried about what would happen to my family and neighbors if disaster strikes and we have no way of leaving and finding safety. We can't wait any longer.

Thank you for your consideration,
Maria Lamb