

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

As I'm sure you're aware our great state is at risk the next time there is a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake - and this is not a matter of 'if' but a matter of 'when'. The infrastructure supporting the North Portland peninsula, including St. John's and Kenton, is at particular risk. More than 30,000 people and businesses will be significantly impacted as our emergency routes are not currently able to withstand the impacts of a high magnitude earthquake.

Please consider the following: Match the PBOT's funding (a total of \$57 million estimated is required) so they can apply for a grant to make the necessary changes to our bridges so we can escape the area if needed and so emergency services can access this area.

I also request that you look into Lombard St, which is considered another evacuation pathway. We need funding for a feasibility study to ensure we have good ways in and out of the area.

I urge you to take this matter seriously. As the mother of two toddlers I live with significant fear surrounding this issue: my husband and I both work in Beaverton. If a disaster were to occur while we were at work we would be separated from our small children which is a terrifying thought. Even if we were all together if we aren't able to access emergency services or medical care, or if there are toxic gases released from the industrial areas on the river and we aren't able to escape the area, this could have extremely tragic impacts not only on our family but on so many of our wonderful neighbors as well.

I appreciate your time and efforts, and thank you in advance for taking this matter seriously.

Kind regards,

Elena Holley, resident of St. John's, Portland.