

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing in regard to the urgent need for funding for emergency routes in North Portland in the event of the Cascade Subduction Zone Earthquake.

As a long-time resident of the North Portland St. Johns neighborhood, I am frightened every day knowing that when the earthquake occurs, all of our emergency routes in and out of our North Peninsula neighborhood will be gone. I am very worried about being separated from family, not having medical services, and being trapped in my own neighborhood without basic and urgent services.

St. Johns is a lower-income community, and lower-income communities frequently are in the path of environmental problems like this. 30,000 people in District 2 will be catastrophically impacted if we don't get functioning emergency routes. We desperately need your support so we can rebuild two 100+ year old railroad bridges and secure a tunnel section before the emergency occurs.

Sincerely,

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