



RE: Transportation Funding Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The St Johns Boosters Business Association would like to thank the State Legislators and Senators for their work on a Transportation Package and planning for the 2025 legislative session. As an organization of over one hundred businesses on the North Peninsula of Portland we have some unique challenges that are greatly affected by the need for upgraded transportation infrastructure.

The North Peninsula is connected to the rest of Portland by a series of bridges that span over the **BNSF** train tracks with three of the main overpasses at North Columbia, North Lombard and North Willamette Blvd. All of these bridges will collapse when we have a seismic event that will leave over 30,000 residents as well as a major economic hub of Portland stranded.

We request that as part of the Transportation Package lawmakers work on in this next session include funding to support rebuilding and reinforcing the North Columbia overpass so the Peninsula and the Portland Rivergate port area has at least one pathway in case of an earthquake. PBOT can apply for more Federal grant funding when we have at least a 20% funding match. Support for ODOT will help get our area closer to protecting the businesses and neighbors our organization supports.

Thank you for your consideration,
The St Johns Boosters Business Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebekah Courpet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "C".

Rebekah Courpet
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