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For the benefit of our planet the regional transportation system needs to move away from automobile highway design from the 1960's. According to a 1916 Brille Magazine article 4,800,000 people rode regional passenger trains from Vancouver WA through out the Willamette Valley in 1915 alone. My grandparents loved the rail network back then. Battery Powered regional passenger rail transit is better for the environment and cheaper to build. If the IBR replacement bridge is built as planned by ODOT, Portland and Clark County will look like Los Angeles County in 50 years time. I am asking lawmakers to consider rebuilding passenger rail transit system on existing rail corridors that are now used by freight railroads as a public-private partnership. I have included a map of the rail lines that could share corridors to improve freight and passenger mobility. The planet's future is at stake.