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I am concerned about the proposals for the I-5 crossing. We need a human-scale solution that embraces the communities physically affected by the presence of the crossing. We need a right-sized solution. Increasing the number of lanes does not decrease traffic.

I want a crossing that preset moves the historic aspects of Fort Vancouver and the Providence Academy.

Please consider a tunnel. It has seismic benefits. It also allows for altering traffic flow by easily changing the number of lanes going north and south depending on traffic flow needs. It opens up Hayden Island and connects Fort Vancouver to the downtown and riverfront renewal.

It is time to engage in creative thinking. A tunnel may be a better solution than a bridge.