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We Oppose HB 2098-2

BikeLoud PDX supports replacing this bridge. The crossing is one of the largest barriers for folks in this region to safely travel to and connect between Washington and Oregon as vulnerable road users.

BikeLoud PDX **opposes HB 2098 -2** as this currently written legislation jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now.

We support the -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

BikeLoud PDX is committed to making sure 25% of trips in the City of Portland are made by bike. That goal relies on a commitment from legislators in the state, and our local elected leaders to dedicate resources to actually building the city and region that can accommodate that goal.

With HB 2098-2 as written, this project will almost guarantee that this future will not be possible as limited revenue that could and should be spent to make orphan highways safer and save Oregonians lives will instead be used to expand this freeway. It's not just about biking, it's about our future and the world we give the next generation.

The -3 amendment (and recommendations made by the Just Crossing Alliance) helps secure that future so that our kids and our grandkids can safely access all parts of this region, and have the freedom of deciding more sustainable modes to do that.

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