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I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I 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.

Several things upset me about HB 2098-2:

- it is a gigantic and wasteful expansion of the existing bridge, under the guise of a seismic retrofit
- It is fiscally irresponsible. I really dislike that it is tapping General Fund resources rather than existing Highway Trust Fund dollars
- Less expensive alternatives have not been adequately studied
- Induced demand is real, this expansion will just put more cars on the road