This is life and death

The community effort to ensure that the city and state secure an **emergency route**(s) in/out of the communities and industrial areas of the PDX north peninsula for after an earthquake.

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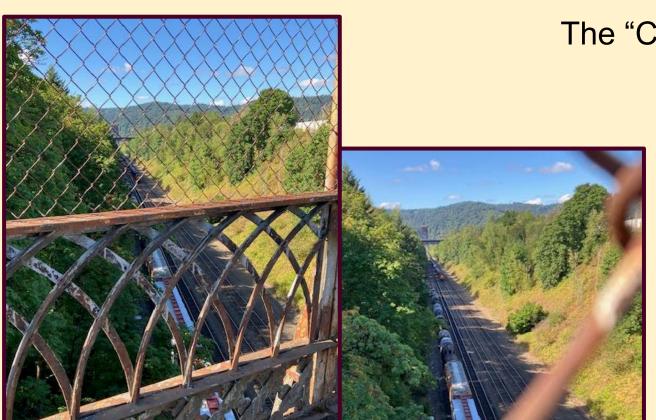
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15-20,000 residents live in the neighborhoods of St Johns and Cathedral Park. An additional 15,000 live in the neighborhoods of Portsmouth and University Park, not counting students at UP. The Rivergate Industrial Area which is part of the Port of Portland's holdings, is a major employment center with nearly 31,000 jobs. People from all over Portland work there!

All areas are situated across from the CEI Hub.

ALL AREAS ARE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO BEING <u>SEVERED</u> FROM THE REST OF PORTLAND AFTER THE QUAKE.



The "Cut"

The "Cut" separates St Johns, Cathedral Park and Rivergate/Port from the rest of Portland.



The 4 bridges over the "cut" are over 110 years old.

The Tunnel

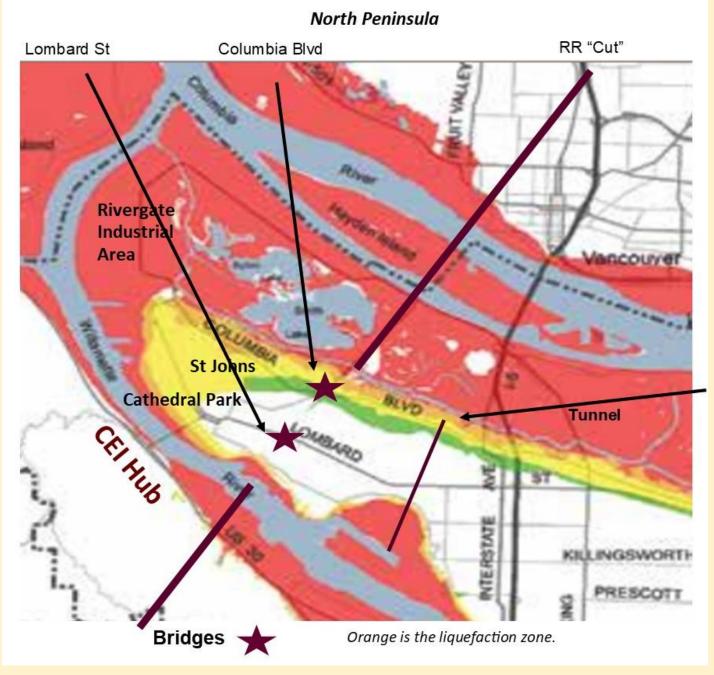
The Tunnel adds in Portsmouth and University Park neighborhoods to what will be cut off should Columbia Blvd liquefy [Columbia sits on the edge of the liquefaction zone and, we are told by PBOT, can liquefy if weather conditions are right.



The tunnel is over 110 years old.

When the bridges over the "cut" – where the railroad runs – fail, everything northwest of the "cut" will be severed from the rest of Portland, possibly for months.

If Columbia liquefies, then Portsmouth and University Park will also be severed, as the tunnel will also collapse.



Note: Columbia and Lombard are designated official emergency routes!

*Families will be separated

*No emergency vehicles in/out

*No medical help

*No food resupply

*No repair trucks

*IF A TOXIC CLOUD COMES, WE WILL BE TRAPPED!

What is our "ask" right now?

We need to find \$500k for a resiliency study in the next 3-6 months in order to lay out all options for ameliorating this situation whether that comes from this transportation package, the short session in Salem early next year, PBEM, PCEF, or some combination of the lot. We need this study to happen in 2026 so we can go to the long session in 2027 with a clear Phase 1 ask.