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When the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake occurs, St. Johns will be terribly impacted by the tremors, liquifaction of soil, and toxic clouds from the CEI Hub. To compound this, the neighborhood can only be reached by land by crossing the Cut, and all of the bridges over the Cut are predicted to collapse in the earthquake. The neighborhood will be cut off from aid and supplies, and residents will not be able to evacuate, reunite with family or escape the toxic conditions. A bridge designed to survive the earthquake is desperately needed to give this neighborhood of 20,000 lower-income and ethnically diverse residents access to aid and a means of escape.