

I have only completed the 38 page introduction and although I love the 7 key directions I see a glaring omission, how can we have any kind of thriving low carbon economy if we do not mention moving goods to market, employees to jobs, freight hauling, and most importantly our place at the center of other industrial centers Hillsboro, Clackamas, Troutdale, Tualatin, Wilsonville, etc. Everything needs to move through Portland for the most part to get anywhere in OR. We have a very congested constricted transportation system, never mind its poor condition. Some considerations: dig a rail tunnel as Seattle has done, dig a transit tunnel as Seattle has done in the Central Core, build a completely new Columbia crossing down stream and tunnel under West hill to connect to Hwy 26 to Hillsboro, Make 224 to 26 to Mt Hood a freeway grade and connect via high capacity blvd to Milwaukie and Sellwood or LO even I-5. Tunnel under SW hills to community's of Hillsdale and Multnomah and Tigard for public transit. Rebuild and widen I-5 on West side of Willamette using cut and cover to restore river access above and improve transit throughput below. The theme here is to put in some big freight moving connectors that are sorely missing in the next 20 years and become experts at tunneling so the 7 Key Directions can happen and we can thrive. Vehicles and trucks idling at zero miles per hour on congested roadways is not a low carbon solution.

I am a retired person who loves to build and work on trails, so I do not have dog in this fight, just want to see us thrive, equitably.

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