

Dear Committee,

The suggested removal of the Westside off-ramps to Naito Parkway and I-5 South is an affront to both business and citizens of Portland for the benefit of a few well-heeled developers.

Those ramps are a life line for trucks and vehicle traffic to access easily I-5 South from the central eastside

The alternatives do not need more jams (Ross Island and Broadway/Moda Center) as traffic already exceeds capacity.

Now you want to get rid of 1/3 of the onramps available from the east side. These ramps are invaluable for both truck and vehicle travel to a main arterial of I-5.

Please end the consideration of the removal of this ramp.

It would be an unmitigated disaster to add more traffic onto the Ross Island Bridge, especially after the issue with the new traffic signals at the light rail crossing at 12th south of Division, causing longer backups.

As for entrance from Broadway/Moda Center onto I-5 South, that will again be huge issues to add more traffic with renewed use of the Coliseum and the Moda Center adding to the congestion.

You promised to leave us access points to I-5 and now you are considering closing a major one.

Don't do that to us. Show us you are a citizen who thinks about all the sides of a story and do not always side with the big developers.

Thank you for your listening to the voice of reason. Every single business on the east side agrees with this position. It is integral to the continued success of the central eastside industrial sanctuary!

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