

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL 003

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Lane County Commissioners  
125 East 8th Ave.  
Eugene, OR 97401

RE: Replacement bridge, Buford Park

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*Dear Commissioners,*

We're another family that loves the Mt. Pisgah/Buford Park area, specifically because it's nearly-unspoiled and nearly-wilderness. We go there often to watch the seasons unfold.

We never go there for an all-day outing, just for a short visit and a peaceful walk. We were disappointed to hear that we might have to pay for parking there, since our visits are so brief.

Now we hear that a more splendid bridge is planned. Except for special events (shows and sales) we've never had to wait for more than one car's passage before crossing the present bridge. And during the big events, traffic managers handle the traffic well.

There's such a crying need for money to repair genuinely failing bridges in Lane County, that replacement of this perfectly adequate bridge seems like an embarrassing frill. Money for this bridge probably can't be transferred to other bridges (can it?), but surely there's a more valid way to spend the funds--or just hold onto it till there IS a need.

Our poor old state is in such a financial bind that using money for an unnecessary change feels insulting.

Besides, people I know feel the old-fashioned one-lane bridge is part of the area's charm.

I fear that <sup>the</sup> fact that a bridge has been designed means the bridge is already a done deal. Could you just hold onto the design till it makes more sense to build it?

Sincerely yours,

*Edith C. Roberts*

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