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Comments: Astoria Park Conservancy is in support of the rebuilding of the historic Astoria bridge. As a non-profit organization, we believe in access to the outdoors, and access to our property is of course central to our success. Astoria bridge has served the community, and the hot springs, well, for decades, but given the increased development south of the bridge, a new bridge is necessary to serve the current needs of the local community and region at large.

I believe that the plans for the new bridge will be designed with a strict adherence to minimal impacts of the Wild and Scenic River, with input from USFS and Biota. I also believe that the ability to build the bridge quickly and successfully will put far less stress on the USFS access across the river, not intended for cars.

I look forward to following the success of this project as it moves through the public process, permitting and construction and will be available to share more specific details about Astoria Park Conservancy's support of this project or answer any questions as needed. Thank you.