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**Attachments:** TUNNEL NOT BRIDGE CONCEPT.pdf

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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name: Jim Atwood

My organization: J A Atwood Corporation

Vessel Type: Motor Vehicles

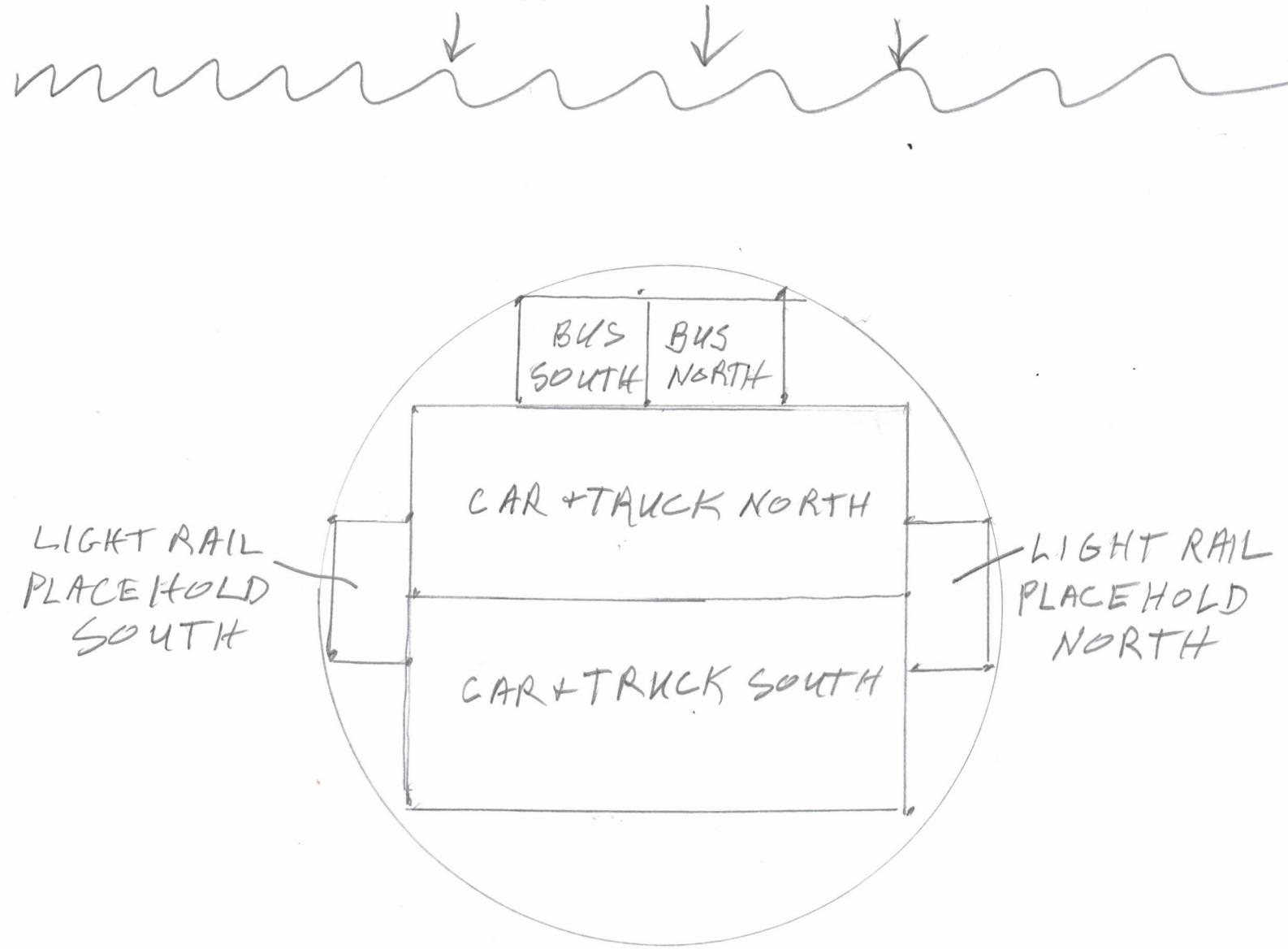
Specific Concerns: Impeding the flow of motor vehicles (and possibly trains) if swing span is built. Vehicles or trains that are on published schedules shouldn't have to stop for a swing span.

Solution: River traffic wants a bridge to be tall enough for all user vessels to pass underneath (or have a swing span). The FAA wants a bridge that's low enough to not interfere with air traffic. The logical solution is to build a tunnel; not a bridge. We drive through tunnels to access many North American cities; including New York, Boston, and Vancouver, BC just to name a few. It's a waste of money to try to design an impossible bridge when a tunnel satisfies all stakeholder concerns.

Attachment: Conceptual drawing showing how a tunnel serves all needs. It's conceptual only and 2 smaller tunnels may be more cost effective.

Request: Do not approve any bridge. Approve a tunnel or tunnels instead.

COLUMBIA RIVER BOTTOM



TUNNEL; NO BRIDGE AS  
SEEN FROM OREGON SIDE

Jim Ottwood  
1/5/2026