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Vote FOR The Skagit Bridge Bond Issue on Primary Ballot!

This Bond Issue Will Help Build Badly Needed Bridges—

- 1. Across the Swinomish Channel at LaConner**
- 2. Across the North Fork of the Skagit River**
- 3. Across The Sauk River**

These bridges have to be built one way or another. Without the bond issue to do the job, funds would have to come from other sources and many important items like county roads, and indirectly school funds, might have to suffer. It would be a long drawn out and painful process for the whole county. The Bridge Bond Issue is the best and easiest method of meeting the problem—

VOTE FOR THE BRIDGE BOND ISSUE!

AN EXTREMELY LARGE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR THE BRIDGE BOND ISSUE TO CARRY—YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

THE BRIDGE NEAR LaCONNER:

The old 1916 swing bridge is worn-out, dangerous and can't take care of the growing traffic. Breakdowns are frequent, maintenance costly. The bond issue would help build a new high-level, fixed bridge which would meet the problem and insure an adequate alternate route in event the only other bridge across the Swinomish channel (the very heavily traveled Memorial highway bridge) had a breakdown.

THE NORTH FORK BRIDGE:

This old 1912 swing-bridge is narrow and dangerous and can't take care of present day traffic. It is a one-way bridge when a truck is using it. Maintenance costs are high. The bond issue would build a new high-level, fixed bridge.

THE SAUK RIVER BRIDGE:

The proposed bridge across the Sauk would tie in with a new road route and eliminate several more miles of dangerous and hilly roadway. It would bring more people and products down through Skagit County instead of going by way of Snohomish County. It would be a link in a road system on both sides of the Skagit from Marblemount to Mount Vernon.

BRIDGE COSTS AND THE BOND ISSUE:

Approximate costs of the 3 bridges: LaConner and approaches \$709,500; North Fork and approaches \$625,000; Sauk \$150,150. Total \$1,484,650. The Bond issue \$1,200,000. The difference to come from funds the County now has or expects to receive. The bond issue to be retired in 15 years with tax levy not to exceed 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills —probably less as the county grows and valuation increases.

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