



## Orange Alternative

The Orange alternative is south of the Purple alternative. It connects to Wallace Road and Hope Avenue on the west and to the Commercial/Liberty couplet, River Road, and Salem Parkway on the east.

- ◆ Curve in the bridge reduces the impact to the gravel pit and farmland.
- ◆ Avoids most impacts to Wallace Marine Park.
- ◆ On east side, provides direct connections to Salem Parkway, Commercial/Liberty Couplet, and to River Road. Front Street would be maintained as it is today.
- ◆ Bridge must be elevated because it crosses the floodplain. It would lower to ground level at the future Marine Drive on the west and between Broadway and Cherry Avenue on Salem Parkway on the east.
- ◆ Requires additional lanes on the existing Marion and Center Street bridges.
- ◆ Changes to local street system include relocated intersection at Orchard Heights Road, construction of Marine Drive, widening Wallace Road between Orchard Heights and Edgewater, and new interchange at Liberty and Commercial Streets.
- ◆ Estimated cost (inflated for the year 2012): \$747 million

### Evaluation Results Summary

Goal	Evaluation Score
Improve safety and mobility	
Preserve natural and cultural resources	
Preserve quality of life on both sides of the river	
Meet federal and state regulatory requirements	
Cost effective and timely solution	

Excellent 
 Good 
 Fair 
 Poor 
 Very Poor

### Task Force and Oversight Team Comments

- ✓ Poor mobility scores in evaluation process.
- ✓ Lacks direct connection to Highway 22.
- ✓ Still provides regional benefits but via Wallace Road, Marine Drive, etc.
- ✓ Elevated structure on east side impacts residential neighborhoods.
- ✓ Adding lanes to existing bridges would impact downtown.

*The Task Force and Oversight Team have **preliminarily recommended eliminating the Orange alternative from further consideration.***

