






Blue + Red Alternative

The Blue + Red alternative is south of the Pink alternatives. It connects to a realigned intersection of Wallace Road and Orchard Heights Road and also Highway 22 on the west and to Academy and River Streets on the east.

- ◆ Traffic bound for east Salem would need to divert north or south on the Liberty/Commercial Couplet or Broadway since Academy does not continue east.
- ◆ Avoids many impacts to Wallace Marine Park; crosses over the northern finger of the park.
- ◆ Bridge must be elevated because it crosses the floodplain. It would lower to ground level at the future Marine Drive on the west and at Commercial Street on the east.
- ◆ Includes a direct connection from new bridge to Highway 22.
- ◆ No new lanes on 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 widening on Broadway near Academy and River.
- ◆ Estimated cost (inflated for the year 2012): \$574 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

- ✓ Major impacts to neighborhoods, school, park; would never be supported.
- ✓ Lacks good eastward connection; potential railroad conflict.
- ✓ Lacks direction connection to Salem Parkway.
- ✓ Very little interest in considering this alternative further.

The Task Force and Oversight Team have not made any recommendations regarding this alternative.