

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns about HB 2017. As a resident of Portland who does not own a car, I am pleased with the money earmarked for bus improvements. As we know, buses are the workhorses of systems everywhere, and while the light rail (in Portland) may be more "attractive" to infrequent transit users, buses are what most transit users use to get around.

That being said, the proposed freeway widening projects are mistaken. [Induced demand](#) is a [real thing](#). California's DOT has [admitted this too](#).

The FHWA, which has a very clear agenda, believes that induced demand discussions are often mistaken. But even they [admit that widening highways can lead to more congestion](#). Soon enough, you'll be proposing more millions of dollars to widen the highways yet again and destroy our neighborhoods.

I'd love to see a revised bill that does not include money for widening freeways.

Thank you,
Sam Fader