

Hello,

Our country needs to re-establish our commitment to fighting climate change. Oregon has the unique ability to act as a leader in this capacity.

As such, we can NOT spend billions of dollars adding lanes to freeways. Academic literature suggests that adding lanes does not decrease congestion, it simply gets more cars out driving leading to more greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, we don't want Portland to be a city for people to just drive through. We should make it better for those who live here.

Instead, we should be spending money on improving public transit and increasing bike infrastructure. Both of these improve the lives of Portland residents and will go a long ways to fighting climate change. Imagine what we could do with a billion dollars to improve the lives of Portlanders instead of wasting it to increase our greenhouse gas emissions.

Best Regards,

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