

To the transportation committee, re HB 2017:

As a Portland homeowner and long-time Oregon resident, I strongly urge the committee to abandon the planned freeway widening projects in the Portland Metro area.

Plain and simple - freeway widening projects do not solve congestion issues in fast-changing urban environments. They sound good, but do not deliver, as analysis from across the political spectrum and the experience of other cities show.

There are investments that do deliver on congestion:

- Investment in projects that facilitate safe and reliable alternatives to driving alone
- Congestion pricing - a solution has been proven to work elsewhere

Please reconsider these misguided freeway widening projects and redirect these funds elsewhere.

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