

Good evening to the Transportation Committee,

I just wish to make clear a distinction between freeway widening and targeting freeway bottlenecks. It is true that there is a bottleneck on I-5 in Portland that could be alleviated. The overwhelming other Portland-area highway projects are simple widening attempts that will just induce demand rather than address congestion.

Putting these projects under the same banner is disingenuous at best. I am firmly against widening freeways. I can be convinced to improve specific pinch points, especially for freight concerns.

I understand that a lot of work went into arriving at this compromise of a bill but as a millennial the importance of climate change is becoming a black and white issue for myself and many in my generation. I will be watching and taking note of who votes with consideration for our future.

Portland resident and activist,
-Jim Kogler