

- Hello, my name is Mikhaila Bishopo and I am a member of the youth organization Sunrise PDX. The Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project is overwhelmingly opposed by advocates of so many different organizations and coalitions. It's commonly understood that ODOT should not be proposing to spend so much money on fossil fuel infrastructure when 40% of Oregon's carbon emissions come from transportation. ODOT's costs continue to spiral out of control, and the agency has a history that does not include accountability or transparency. There are many more useful ways to spend the money they will ask for, such as biking, walking, public transit, building bridges, etc. It is irresponsible for public organizations to continue to operate on the assumption that their actions do not effect this moment in history; in this moment, Portland, a city with some of the worst air quality in the US, has the choice whether or not they will be climate leaders.
- We demand a full Environmental Impact Statement to further study the social, environmental, carbon, and transportation impacts of this enormously expensive project.
- Thank you.
- Mikhaila Bishop