

I writing to urge you stop funding for the design and construction of an auxiliary lane through the Rose Quarter. This is far too much money on spending on a project that does not merit the expense. The safety need is not there, especially compared to many ODOT-operated roads throughout Portland and state- fix the deadly places first! The benefits are no-existent: induced demand will fill this to capacity almost instantly, and the bottleneck will just get shifted. The traffic problem can and should be addressed through tolling and transit investments. This proposed change is not climate friendly and will create a large increase in air pollution. Finally, the surface street changes are will replace a valuable, accessible bike route with an out-of-direction, too steep option, the surface streets will have the curb radii increased to support higher speeds decreasing public safety, and the "lids" are too small and disconnected from any active uses to become desirable urban spaces. These lids will either be bleak empty spaces surrounded by highspeed traffic and buffered from the sounds and pollution of the highway, or they will be all of those things bu greener and much more expensive IF constantly irrigated thoroughout the summer. A green space sounds nice, but since it will be disconnected from any retail, and will be loud and smelly, it will be unused except for undesirable activities like camping. There are between 500 million and 750 million reasons NOT to build this, and possibly only one reason to build it: slightly fewer fender benders. Please do not throw away so much public money on something that is not wanted and not needed. At least TRY tolling first.

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