

Hello,

As a life-long resident of Portland, globally-focussed environmentalist, and transportation expert, in support of the ***need*** for a full Environmental Impact Study on the I5 Rose Quarter Expansion.

ODOT has--despite being an agency established for the public good, mobility of our residents and visitors, and supporter of our economy--repeatedly hid, fabricated, and falsified information regarding the expected effects of expanding the I5 freeway through the center of Portland. Known increasing costs were hidden. VMT is supposedly to be reduced (even though no freeway expansion has ever accomplished this). And now critical decision-making meetings are being held out of the public eye.

This is unacceptable from a governance perspective, from an environmental perspective, and from a public health perspective.

It is the responsibility of ODOT to perform a full Environmental Impact Study to assess the likely harm that this project will bring to residents of nearby neighborhoods, to our region, and to the world. We have few, precious years left to stop changes to the global climate that will irreversibly damage the ecosystem on which not only Oregonians, but every human being and every living creature relies on. To avoid discussing and researching the effects of our actions would be shameful.

Best,

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