

We need to do what we can to slow the dangerous pace of climate change.

We need people and goods to make it to their destinations in reasonable amounts of time.

We need to prepare for the future.

This bill does NONE of that.

40% of Oregon's carbon emissions come from transportation. In a climate emergency, it is unconscionable to add travel lanes to a freeway. ODOT should focus on improving transportation, not just building roads. There are many other improvements that could be made to the transportation system, from congestion pricing to railways.

Even in the short term, this is a misguided bill. There isn't a single freeway expansion anywhere in North America that has solved traffic congestion by adding additional lanes. And first we would be suffering months or years of highway construction!

The committee has a special opportunity here to make a meaningful difference to the future of Oregon. As a mother, I am frankly terrified for the future my kids will be living in in the next decades. You can be climate heroes today, by rejecting this bill.