

Hello,

I'm writing in opposition to HB 3065. The proposed amendments to this bill would fund freeway expansion, including in the Rose Quarter. In addition to community partners in Portland walking away from the project, and there being two lawsuits against it, I live nearby and worry about the increase in pollution this might bring to my neighborhood. The community has lost trust with ODOT and this amendment would give them a blank check. Meanwhile in other parts of my city citizens still don't have safe roads and sidewalks.

I also believe that the state should be investing in alternatives to freeway expansions. More traffic lanes does not guarantee reduced commute times, I was recently visiting Los Angeles, where there are 10 lane highways, and traffic still slows to a crawl. That thinking is outdated. We need to be thinking about other ways to make it safe and comfortable for people to get around in this state. Especially considering that freeway expansion will just create more carbon emissions.