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**Why do you want legislators to demand ODOT conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed \$1.9 Billion Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion? Why should legislators on the Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning instead direct ODOT to prioritize investing in transportation options like repairing existing roads, improving traffic safety, and tackling climate change with transit investments?**

Well, why wouldn't the powers that be want an EIS for the freeway? Why not? What is the hidden agenda—doesn't that resistance beg that question?

Why is the thinking the "same ole, same ole: let's build a freeway that speaks to us—a comment I remember when serving on the Tri-Met board in the 1980's when the topic was building an I-5 interchange into protected farm land. The ODT thought freeways were beautiful I suppose.

Humans do struggle to change. There are consequences. We will have to put all this back together. Why don't we start now to act to protect and preserve?

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