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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?

I am writing today to urge a full Environment Impact Statement that studies alternatives to freeway expansion through the Rose Quarter. The project has grown considerably through its iterations and I have questions as to whether alternative road treatments through the area would better serve our city's needs.

Throughout the proposal there are glaring deficiencies in creativity of the approach to the existing problem that a comprehensive EIS could begin to address, especially with regards to our warming city, equitable transit of our people, and improving air quality for our residents.

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