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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?

As a citizen in North Portland, I demand an EIS statement for the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion.

I live next to I5. It is no longer a freeway. For hours and hours every day, it is nothing more than a parking lot that spews pollution. Widening I5 at the Rose Quarter will cost billions yet it won't improve traffic flows on 405, 84, nor while crossing the Columbia River. The current freeway system is at the pinnacle of its achievement. This is as good as it gets. Billions of dollars for a couple more lanes won't make a difference as the entire network is ultimately unsustainable.

Why would we invest in yet more polluting parking lot surface right next to a school? Why are we spending money we don't have on the Rose Quarter when the Columbia River crossing is unfunded?