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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?

Civilization along with the rest of the biosphere has a doubtful future at the rate the climate crisis unfolds.

It is, therefore, without logic or reason to continue building and funding projects like the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project.

Ending the current causes of worsening climate has to be addressed immediately. A start to that process needs to include redirecting those funds to repairing existing roads, improving traffic safety, and investment in replacing fossil-fuel transit with a non-fossil fuel economy. ASAP!

Listen to the scientists and everyone else who are clear thinkers.