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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 to insist that legislators demand a full Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed \$1.9 Billion Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion. The freeway runs through neighborhoods and right next to schools that serve majority minority populations.

The era of building and maintaining massive polluting and neighborhood destroying automobile infrastructure through the center of cities is over. We should be dismantling these terrible projects and replacing them with public transit like trains and busses, as well as pedestrian paths, parks, and bike lanes.

It's time to read the room and realize that what we need is to aggressively accept the reality of climate change and move quickly and smartly to address it now. All future generations of humanity depend on it.

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