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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?**

ODOT must to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project. We must consider alternatives to pavement proliferation.

Striving to accommodate single-occupant vehicles (SOVs) by devoting even more terrestrial space to a mode of transport that is EXTREMELY inefficient in terms of landuse makes many problems worse, not better. Increasing SOV dependency – FORCING SOV dependency – is not the path to Safe, Economical, Environmental and Equitable (SEEE) transportation. Pursuing this path suggests that DOT planners have zero vision, not the "Vision Zero" some claim to promote. We need to invest in public transportation. We need to SEEE the future of transportation.

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