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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?**

Legislators: please use your responsibility of figuring out how to pay for the \$1.9 billion Rose Quarter Freeway expansion to:

#1. Demand of ODOT that it conducts a real Environmental Impact Statement. The present ODOT proposal is a terribly expensive, destructive, polluting, and unnecessary project.

#2. Insist ODOT instead plan that toll revenues should be spent on traffic safety, maintenance, and diversion projects. ODOT's own study demonstrate that implementation of tolling policy would immediately solve congestion concerns in the corridor. And the \$1.9 billion freeway widening project is going to induce more driving, as well as rob money we should instead be using to address Oregon's unacceptable increase in traffic fatalities.

THank you for your attention.

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