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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?

It is extremely important that an environment impact statement be performed to study alternatives to freeway expansion. With this expansion I am concerned with the following:

- Since I live east of the I5 freeway I am concerned with the increase in air pollution that we will see in the Eliot neighborhood.
- With the new lanes comes more cars which created more noise and more carbon emissions at a time when we should be looking at reducing carbon emissions.
- With price tag of the project ballooning and proven research that freeway expansions do nothing to control traffic it is frustrating that ODOT is neglecting using these funds to fix current infrastructure that is either broken or dangerous for vulnerable road users.

I cannot iterate more how frustrating it is to see so much wasted money on a project that it seems only ODOT wants completed. These funds need to be put to use to create a transportation system that will reduce carbon emissions, increase availability to the public, and make streets safer for other modes of transportation besides cars.

Please help us end freeway expansions and the stop this state agency that prioritizes cars over people.

Thank you.

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