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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?

The Rose Quarter Project will not solve any Transportation problems. Widening freeways will only deepen the scar left on our city. The cost of project is simply too high in addition to this. The MAX Orange Line costed about 1.5 billion dollars compared to Rose Quarter Project's estimated 2 billion. That amount of money could be invested into new transit or massively improving existing transit. Additionally the money could also be used to promote more active forms of transportation such biking and walking. I take the MAX to work and school everyday and the frequency of service simply isn't enough. People outside of cars deserve rapid and accessible transit.