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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?**

This project is on I-5 which is already on the banks of one of the largest rivers in the USA. This \$1.9 billion project is a total waste of money. People with epilepsy and many other conditions need Oregon to invest in public transit, sidewalks, street lamps, road diets, removal of car parking spaces in "downtown" or "town center" areas in the state of Oregon. Amtrak Cascades needs less delays. The Tri-Met WES train needs access to the downtown Salem, Oregon waterfront and downtown Albany, Oregon so that people can travel safely in the Willamette Valley and the Tualatin Valley.

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