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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?

Dear Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning.

I live in Irvington less than 1 mile from the I-5 freeway. I have a child who attends Harriet Tubman Middle School (and another who will attend HTMS soon). I am writing to implore you to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for the RQ Freeway Expansion project.

The world does not need more freeway lanes and more pollution. My family does not want to breathe the pollution. My kids shouldn't breathe it when they stand outside their school.

My family has tried to make choices to reduce our driving. Given the options—cheap, reliable rapid transit; safe bike infrastructure—others will to. The expansion is not needed and will be harmful to my community and our planet. Please, conduct the EIS to confirm what seems clear: the freeway expansion is against our values.

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