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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?

I'm a Portland resident and an associate social worker, and I hope to express how important it is for the future of Portland for the city to invest in more climate aware means of transportation through and around the city. More freeways is not the answer when climate change continues to worsen our city's chance at sustainable and equitable future. I would like to raise my future family in a car-free household- please consider the benefits that would come with reducing the city's reliance on personal vehicles.