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What do you want to tell legislators about the proposed \$1.9 Billion Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion and Oregon's transportation system?

I am writing to you today to demand an environmental impact statement for the proposed Rose Quarter freeway expansion that studies alternatives to freeway expansion. I am urging you to take leadership to rethink the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion, if only for the opportunities and resources it provides you to tackle the litany of other problems of Oregon's transportation system. Based on the freeway expansions in Portland so far you cannot honestly tell me they have helped reduce traffic or improved the lives of our citizens. \$1.9 billion dollars can change the material conditions of the people in this city in a litany of positive ways that don't push us further into the climate crisis and cover one of our most underserved neighborhoods with more pollution. When I moved to Portland a decade ago it was hailed as having some of the best public transit and the best bike lanes in the country. Where has the push for that future gone? More frequent busses/trains that show up on time, etc. would make a world of difference. Think about all the people that would take public transit if it was close to if not more convenient than driving? As someone that uses Trimet frequently the main reason I choose not to is availability and time constraints. We don't need more cars on the streets. We need more infrastructure that promotes public transit, walking, and biking. 40% of our carbon emissions already comes from private transportation. No more freeways. Take a stand and help lead us into a better future for everyone.