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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?

Dear Legislators,

We live in a time of incredible unmet needs. I am dismayed that you continue to pursue an incredibly costly urban freeway expansion of I-5 that will degrade the heart of Portland— instead of using these precious tax dollars to rehabilitate our urban core. We need mental health, addiction services and supported housing, so that people actually want to live and come here again.

Stop the madness. Right now that means standing up for an Environmental Impact Statement. An EIS is needed so that you, and the public, can understand the numerous environmental impact of this project, and compare those to what else we could do instead .

As a longtime Portlander and a voter I am watching and waiting to see whether your actions serve our community or continue to throw tax dollars into the money pit of highway expansions, sprawl and flight from the vibrant, walkable communities that had made huge gains in central Portland. This one is on you. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for your service.