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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, my name is Emily Guise and I live in the Foster-Powell neighborhood, just two blocks from Powell Blvd/Hwy 26. I'm writing to ask all of you to use tolling to minimize traffic, rather than extract the maximum amount of revenue to be used on highway widening projects like the Rose Quarter expansion of I-5. I want to see tolling revenue used to improve public transit and safety on highways, especially orphan highways like Powell Blvd/Hwy 26. Powell/Hwy 26 is the second deadliest street in Portland according to PBOT's High Crash Network data, killing 14 people from 2017-2021. I cross Powell by bike or on foot almost every day and it is terrifying every time. I can't count the number of times I've had a near miss with a driver. Twice in the past 4 years I've been on my way home and Powell was closed off by the police, as a deadly car crash had occurred. I'm always afraid that myself or someone I know will be next. This is why I support using toll revenue for safety improvements, such as those outlined by the SE Powell Safety Workgroup, headed up by Senator Taylor.

Thank you,
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