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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?

Legislators should require ODOT to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project. Oregonians need to know the full implications of this proposed project before agreeing to foot such an enormous bill. We need a way of evaluating whether or not all of the air pollution, carbon emissions, induced demand and diverted traffic is really worth a temporary reduction in congestion that primarily benefits commuters from other states. Oregon has suffered from decades of disinvestment in our transportation system because almost all the revenue we've raised has gone towards these massive freeway projects. Rethinking the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion provides us with the opportunity to actually invest in the basic safety and maintenance projects that Oregon's roads and streets need.

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