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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 want legislators to demand ODOT conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion because we cannot continue to perpetuate the status quo. For so long as a society, we have let car infrastructure warp us. We let highways divide our communities, we let endless parking garages consume valuable urban land, and we let our transportation departments expand this infrastructure without rebuke. We can no longer let this happen. We cannot let ODOT continue this harmful, toxic, cycle. We must push back against the expansion of freeways in our state, and we need our legislators to speak for the people. Legislators are uniquely placed to convey our desires for a better transportation system. They must stand up to ODOT and fight for transit investments that will maintain existing roads, improve traffic safety, and address climate change. Legislators can fight for this safe, healthy future we desire by demanding ODOT conduct an EIS on the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion and using their power as a member of the Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning to direct transportation investments towards the things our communities truly desire.