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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?

After coming from the car-dependent midwest, one of the things that I immediately appreciated was the limited freeway sizes and roads with multimodal transportation options. Road widening and adding vehicle-only space will not only leave our current congestion problems unsolved, it will worsen them while completely destroying the things that make Portland attractive to younger working class people like myself. Additionally, the environmental impacts of widening freeways as compared to expanding public mass transportation options is giagantic but won't even be considered under the current plan. The bare minimum for the situation we are currently in requires considering these impacts and should not stand in the way of reconsidering the way most other cities in the US have been developing over the last 70 years, especially given the evidence that expanding roadways does not solve traffic problems.