

**From:**

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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?**

The continued bullish intention of ODOT to expand the Rose Quarter Freeway to a 10-lane vehicular artery is a travesty that flies in the face of climate justice and sound economics. Research confirms that building larger freeways only attracts greater numbers of motorists, thus compounding the many problems that impact already underserved neighborhoods while doing little to reduce traffic congestion. The skyrocketing cost – now approaching \$2 billion – should be directed to serve all of Oregon's citizens and communities by being invested in public transit, improving traffic safety, and maintaining our state's current road system. Funds should also be used to educate the public on the need to change travel behavior and dependency on the automobile. In sum, to address the diverse and growing concerns of climate disruption, I demand that before going one step further ODOT conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project. Thank you.