

From:

Walt Mintkeski

What do you want to tell legislators about the proposed \$1.9 Billion Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion and Oregon's transportation system?

RE: Proposed Rose Quarter I5 Freeway Expansion Project

As a resident of SE Portland since 1972, I am very concerned about the social, environmental, health, and climate impacts of the Interstate 5 Freeway from the Columbia River to the Willamette River. I am especially concerned about those impacts in the Rose Quarter area where the original construction of the Freeway destroyed and displaced an entire Black neighborhood and current traffic noise and emissions affect the health of Harriet Tubman Middle School students.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is now proposing a \$1.9 billion project to expand the freeway in the Rose Quarter area. I urge your committee to demand that ODOT prepare a comprehensive and complete Environmental Impact Statement on this project before it proceeds any further. The EIS must analyze the social, environmental, health, and climate impacts of the project, and viable alternatives to mitigate and avoid these impacts, such as congestion pricing, active transportation (biking and walking), a frequent and free public transportation system, and repairing and improving safety on existing roads in the area.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views on this project.