

**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?**

I drive the I-5 almost every day and would be one of the people "benefiting" from the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion. I agree traffic in the area is awful. I agree we must continue to improve transportation around the Rose Quarter. I do not think this expansion is the best use of our time or money.

I hope everyone on this committee is familiar with "induced demand" and that you've seen the many studies linking living close to a freeway with a variety of health issues. I hope you've seen how many cities outside America have become better places to live once they stopped focusing on car-centric design.

\$1.9 billion dollars could transform this city with better public transportation, safer bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and oh yes, plowed roads in the winter. ODOT cannot meet their obligations right now, there is no reason to allow them to continue to tear into our town when we know for certain that increasing freeways destroys cities.

You should demand ODOT conduct a full EIS.

If Portland is going to be a leader in creating a climate resilient city, we need to move away from ODOT dictating our city design. Please rethink this expansion.