

Sen. Fredrick, Sen. Nathan, and members of the Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning,

Thank you for listening to my in person testimony this past Saturday. I am writing to provide additional statements on tolling. Speaking on behalf of my family and our future generations, I demand that an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway be provided before any project is approved. Not doing so is a complete rejection of the duty you, as State Legislators, have sworn to uphold. Please listen to us. Listen to the voices of our future. Many of us hear them...I truly hope you do, as well.

We should toll freeways before expanding them. Tolling policy should be designed to minimize traffic, not maximize revenue. Revenue should be directed towards local street safety and expanded greenway/low-impact urban arteries. We should **boldly** invest in bicycle and mass transit infrastructure, not climate killing freeway projects that are not aligned with our children's values and that continue to destroy the marginalized communities in North and Northeast Portland, the area my family has lived in for four generations.

Potential tolling revenue from these projects MUST also focus on redressing the decades of environmental injustice and devastation that continues to impact an area that I refer to as Portland's "Pollution Playground," the lines of demarcation being the 11-mile Portland Harbor Superfund Site along the Willamette, starting at the tip of Wapato Island (Sauvie Island); Columbia Blvd, stretching from Kelley Point Park to Interstate 5 and beyond, where an incredibly disproportionate number of our non-white citizens reside within 2 miles of the city's top 10 polluters; and I5 itself, a living monument that many view as the embodiment of Portland's legacy of racism and injustice- a hardened artery that will only continue shunting lifeblood away from our city's heart.

I believe that the Rose Quarter freeway expansion project, as currently proposed, should be **totally abandoned**, the only exception being the reconnection of historic Albina, which is long past due. Any project moving forward should be steeped in the hearts and minds of stakeholders who should have always had the final say in how we move forward. This list is far from exhaustive- ALBINA VISION TRUST, SUNRISE PDX, PORTLAND HARBOR COMMUNITY COALITION, IMAGINE BLACK, SAFEROUTES PDX, SELF ENHANCEMENT INC, OPAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE, VERDE PDX, HACIENDA CDC. **Most importantly, as stated above, please listen to the voices of our future. You have an opportunity, right now, to lead with heroism.**

"I said to the road, where do you lead? The road said, be a leader and find out." - Cleo Wade, What The Road Said

With hope and respect,

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