

**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?**

OR Legislators:

We need our state government representatives to do the hard job of actually leading, which includes making the tough and not always popular decisions required to prioritize the state transportation budget for Oregon's best future. The sooner a Rose Quarter Environmental Impact Statement is completed and its results studied, the sooner we can pivot from wasting millions of dollars on consultants/planning, and begin reallocating the billions of dollars the Rose Quarter would ultimately cost towards investing in street safety, road maintenance, fixing seismically vulnerable bridges, and dramatically improving public transit. While ODOT continues to funnel big investment into wider/more freeways, Oregon's street safety continues to deteriorate, with increasing street fatalities, lacking pedestrian sidewalks/crosswalks, orphaned major arteries and many streets faring ridiculous potholes. Our state leaders must mandate that ODOT complete the RQ EIS and objectively evaluate transportation alternatives so we can finally begin building toward our future vision of a more climate friendly, safe, efficient state transit system to serve all Oregonians.