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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?

Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in the country, and more driving moves us further from our climate goals.

Roadway expansions do not work-when a new road is built or an old road expanded, more people drive, more fossil fuels are burned, and overall congestion stays the same or even gets worse. Take the lesson of the 1-405 widening in Los Angeles: after year of construction impacts disrupting neighborhoods and commutes and \$1.6 billion dollars spent, drive times are longer than before the project was built

(Source: abc7 News)

Transportation decisions made by state and city governments are often out of step with American's attitudes toward solutions for reducing traffic. 2/3 of Americans strongly or somewhat agree that "expanding highways takes years, causes delays and costs billions of dollars" and "widening highways attracts more people to drive, which creates more traffic in the long run." (Source: Smart Growth America survey)

In addition to leading to more driving and carbon emissions, Portland's highways have been routed through the Allina neighborhood, once a thriving Black community. This expansion would continue this harmful displacement and destruction, and would be a shame upon the city.

Please demand that ODOT prioritize investing in alternate transit investments.