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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?

As someone who has grown up driving or being a passenger in a car most of their life, it was a huge change for me to go car free in June of this year. I have been in better shape physically, financially, and mentally because of this. I really love that Portland has the infrastructure that allows me to do this, and saves me the headache of sitting in traffic, worrying about vehicle issues/accidents, and the fear of ever getting a ticket. Expanding the freeway through an area that (in comparison to the west side of the river) is already lacking in walking, biking, and transit options, you are discouraging people from using other modes of transit besides cars. I do not want the creation of new car infrastructure to encourage or force anyone to use a mode of transportation that causes so many injuries and deaths every year. If more people had better public transit options, we could limit the number of people using the highways, and make driving a better experience for everyone involved. We would also benefit from less pollution and increased quality of life for so many individuals. One more lane will not fix traffic. We need to focus on creating infrastructure for people, not cars, and making their lives safer, easier, and happier. Thank you.