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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?

Expanding the freeway marks a regressive step away from our intended direction. Portland's focus should align with efforts aimed at combatting pollution and reducing reliance on fossil fuels as the world rushes towards climate disaster. Extending the freeway will inevitably heighten pollution levels within our city. Once recognized for our community-oriented values, prioritizing citizen well-being and environmental preservation, it now appears that the primary concern lies in expanding the urban landscape and catering to businesses seeking to capitalize on our city's growth.

In recent years, an influx of individuals has been drawn to Portland, lured by its reputation for livability and vibrancy. However, these accolades were earned through our commitment to nurturing a clean, eco-friendly environment for those residing here. Are we just supposed to through those ideas out the window now that business is more important? How about spending that \$1.9 billion on commuter trains, extended carpooling systems and public transportation? Come on Portland, we can do better than this! Let's become a leader instead of a follower.