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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?

I request that the subcommittee direct ODOT to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion.

I just read Joe Cortright's recent article in the City Observatory about newly revealed documents from a records request which show that ODOT's engineering drawings indicate a planned freeway expansion much wider than previously disclosed.

The 2019 Environmental Assessment implied that the roadway would only be 126 feet wide; the new documents show an expansion to 160 feet, and even 250 feet in places. This is a far cry from the "auxiliary lane" that ODOT has been publicly promoting.

ODOT has misled the public about the scope of this project for years, it's past time for the agency to become more transparent. An EIS would be a good first step.