

**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?**

I am writing to urge our State Legislature to vastly increase oversight of the Rose Quarter Project- really, to wrest control of the Rose Quarter Project from ODOT. The project as currently planned would increase traffic (as greater freeway capacity consistently does), increase emissions (ODOT's statements that it would decrease emissions are patently absurd), and inflict further harm to Portland's historically Black neighborhoods. The ballooning cost estimates are monies that would be better spent on mass transit improvements and other strategies to reduce auto dependence. At every stage, ODOT has thrown up roadblocks to transparency, ignored public comment, and used outdated modeling in its environmental impact projections. Time and again, ODOT has shown that it is incapable of effectively managing the Project itself. The State's fiduciary and societal responsibilities dictate that the Legislature take over.