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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?

Over the past 13 yers Go By Bike has operated the largest bike valet in North America at the bottom of the Portland Aerial Tram. We strongly support the state take the time to conduct an EIS for the Rose Quarter project. In a recent survey, OHSU found that 75% of employees anticipated riding a bike to work. Many of those won't because of unsafe roads. Oregonians want to be able to move by bike and we need to be very cautious about dedicating such a large amount of our transportation funds toward one section of urban freeway. Especially, when communities around the state have such a deficient of safe active transportation options. We need an EIS to analyze whether this is the best investment to build a transportation system that works for Oregonians. There are a lot of federal transportation dollars which could come into our state for projects that improve our active transportation networks if they have local matches which this funding well prevent. We must start prioritizing those investments. An EIS will give us the information to properly determine whether this project lives up to our values and helps us build a future transportation system that works for more Oregonians.