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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?

It is ridiculous that we are even considering spending almost 2 billion dollars on a small strip of asphalt without ever calculating the dramatic impact that addition will have on our city's air and water quality, let alone the impact of the people who live nearby and will suffer the most. I don't live anywhere near the proposed highway expansion, but I do live in a neighborhood that has many dirt/gravel roads that become impassable when it rains and where those roads that are paved often lack sidewalks to make them accessible to pedestrians. I bet you can build a lot of sidewalks and light a lot of streets and build a lot of bike infrastructure and you get it at this point, there are much, much better uses for nearly 2 billion dollars than widening a highway to not make the traffic any better (I grew up in Hillsboro, ask me about the Sunset highway project!)