

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?

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to request that an Environmental Impact Statement be required for the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion and direct resources to addressing the most urgent safety concerns.

I have lost several neighbors and friends on roadways that the Oregon Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over. Despite the immense pain of these losses to myself and the community, funding to improve safety on Powell Blvd, McLoughlin Blvd, Lombard, etc. remains elusive and a pipedream. How many lives lost is enough to spur action and funds? The Rose Quarter Improvement Project can only point to one life lost in the past decade and yet billions of dollars have been allocated to it.

The community deserves safety for all people and I urge you to prioritize safety and access to our shared transportation system. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.