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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?

To members of the Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning – I am writing to ask you to require, on behalf of concerned parents everywhere, that ODOT conduct an Environmental Impact Statement on their actual plan for the Rose Quarter. We need transparency about what the impact of this work will be, in terms of emissions, particulate matter, noise, and vehicles moving at high speeds through the center of our city.

I think it is important to right past wrongs by restoring the Albina neighborhood, but I do not believe that any expansion of the freeway itself is a wise, prudent, or good decision. We need to be shifting our modes of transportation to those that are safer, healthier, and more sustainable – not doubling or tripling down on approaches that are failing our cities. ODOT should be looking for ways to reduce personal vehicle miles traveled so that we can meet our climate commitments to our children. Thank you for reviewing my input – I hope you can help to shift this project and ODOT's approach to a more sustainable, thoughtful, and future-oriented path.