

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?

The amount of cancer, asthma and environmental degradation spikes any time more cars are allowed in an environment. I live near I205 and the amount of incredibly loud, speeding cars is absolutely detrimental to my health and the health of my neighbors. ODOT is creating an environmental nightmare with this plan. They are out of control and do not care about the people living, working and especially children going to school near this massive planned highway. Not only that but this is by one of our beautiful rivers, and Salmon and other fish are currently being killed by environmental pollutants, the dust from tires, brakes and other oil runoff. We are not LA, let's prove it!! Please. We need to have environmental study done at minimum, but what we really need is care for the current infrastructure and transit options that do not involve single individuals sitting in their idling cars. Not to mention the amount of death we have had this year involving car vs pedestrian or bike.

Oregon roads are full of potholes, our bridges are at the end of their lives or failing, ODOT's maintenance of Powell and other city highways is honestly reprehensible. Why can't we make our city safer and invest in low polluting train, tram and bus transit and pedestrian and bike safety infrastructure instead of this environmental disaster?

Thank you,
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