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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, and ODOT's proposals to raise toll revenue to build freeways instead of investing in safety and maintenance?

As a resident living just a few blocks from the Rose Quarter, I am demanding that ODOT conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion. Increasing the number of lanes on highways has always resulted in induced demand, which worsens pollution issues for those of us who live nearby and doesn't solve any traffic concerns. This project is already incredibly expensive and the price tag seems to increase with every check-in, which is one of the reasons I suspect an EIS has been avoided for so long. The sunk-cost fallacy cannot be the determining factor for objectively making residents' lives worse. ODOT should instead prioritize investing this money in public transit, pedestrian safety, and bike infrastructure. ODOT needs to tackle climate change head on instead of making the issues that caused the 2021 heat dome even worse with endless freeway expansions. This proposal will not hold up to an Environmental Impact Statement, which is why one cannot be avoided. It sickens me that almost 2 BILLION dollars will go to subsidizing the profits of the automotive and gas industry, while failing to address the root cause of the problem. The climate and our roads cannot withstand reliance on individual vehicular transport. It is a losing battle on all fronts, and this project just puts a Band-Aid on the problem for a couple of years until we're told we must add yet another lane.

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No More Freeways' official testimony on the proposed Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion was submitted on Wednesday Nov 29 and is available [here](#). ODOT's renderings that we have obtained from public records requests demonstrating that the agency has been lying to the public about this project and is in fact proposing to build a 10 lane, 240 foot wide freeway expansion through the Albina neighborhood are available on [City Observatory](#).