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I am a 10+ year tax-paying resident of Portland and I use our bus system weekly. I can't drive due to vision limitations from a brain tumor as a teenager, and I rely on biking and public transit to have a full, functioning life. My husband and I are expecting our first child. I want reliable, prioritized, frequent bus routes so I can take my child to the doctor, to art classes, and to all the greatness Portland offers. I want to see our transit strengthened and expanded. I want less investment in highway expansions that simply perpetuate the problems we have. I want my child to grow up knowing his beautiful city did the harder thing and invested in climate solutions – and gets to see the accessibility and equity that comes from that. Imagine the choice to live without a car not being crippling!

Thank you for reading. Please think of what the future SHOULD look like when you make these choices.