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Hello, last year our children's librarian was killed by an SUV while waiting for the bus 75 bus home after her Saturday shift. She was a mother of two and a beloved community member. How many more corpses, dying needlessly at the hands of the the fossil fuel industry's unending greed, are we willing to tolerate in the service of perpetuating car-centric and fossil-fuel centric culture, as we traverse deeper and deeper into a literally unlivable future? Here in Portland and throughout the US, people are absolutely dependent on their cars to get everywhere. This contributes to increased traffic deaths, like that of Miss Jeanie which I mentioned above, along with worsening air pollution, and the foreclosing of the possibility of a livable habitat in the ever-nearer future. The Oregon Legislature needs to:

- Fully fund Safe Routes to Schools
- Expand the transit system, and make it fare-free
- Expand inter-city passenger rail service
- Abandon once and for all the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion project, as we know from study after study that widening highways only invites more car traffic
- Set a moratorium on freeway expansion and resume repairing roads as we continue the long transition away from cars
- Prioritize investment in seismically fitting our bridges

Thank you for reading this comment.

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