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Hello,

My name is Claire and I'm currently a university student in Alabama, but I'm from Portland. After moving away two years ago for school, I realized just how lucky I was to grow up in a place like Portland – a place where public transit existed, a place where biking was valued as a mode of transportation.

However, there's still so much more Portland could do to make this transit accessible for everyone, and the way to do that is not expanding highways. Highway expansion increases our dependence on single-user transportation, something that is both isolating and inaccessible for many community members. Instead of prioritizing costly expansions to highways (that don't actually improve traffic), Oregon should prioritize put it's eyes to the future. We should prioritize improvements to lower-carbon forms of transportation, like public transit and biking. We should make mobility in cities more accessible for everyone, including our neighbors that cannot drive. In these ways, we can make Oregon a place that's happier, safer, and open to all.