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Hello,

I want to start this by saying I want vastly expanded public transit prioritized in the 2025 transportation package. I live right off Lombard street in Portland and I would fall backward if we got a streetcar connecting the MAX yellow line and St Johns. But my concern goes much further than simply my corner of Portland; we need new MAX lines. A properly designed SW MAX line without the faults of the previous plan would serve our region beautifully. MAX much deeper into Vancouver, WA would also be great to have, meaning connect downtown Vancouver with I-205 in Clark county. I also wish to see streetcars along plenty of corridors: Sandy Blvd., up MLK to Lombard, down 82nd, down 122nd. These are all needed. We need to encourage dense housing by building transit in many areas.

We also need to make our roads safer for pedestrians and bikers. Road diets everywhere we can possibly do them is an imperative. Too many people are dying on "stroads" that are effectively car sewers because of the car-centric design we have imposed upon our metro area. Please heed a call for safety and traffic calming. More sidewalks and more protected bike lanes, please!

Spending \$110 million simply on planning expanding I-5 in the Rose Quarter has been a terrible waste of public funding! Induced demand is a thing. We should not be planning on widening the freeway at all. Additionally, only the freeway caps should be the plan so we can build dense neighborhoods above the freeway. If I had my way, the freeway would be removed from our city entirely; it is a car sewer; it destroyed black and brown neighborhoods to be built. But do good by our city and do not widen the freeway at the very least.

I want to see a moratorium on any freeway expansion, henceforth. We need to stop pumping greenhouse gasses into our atmosphere. Doubling down on freeways at this point in history is insanity and climate arson!

I live right by Lombard, which is a pretty busy thoroughfare. I find myself getting sick pretty often. I truly believe it is because my respiratory system is weakened by pollution from cars. We need to move toward a future where most people use public transit. We need to make it harder to drive and much easier to access a world-class transit system!

Prioritizing huge freeway expansions has left our city roads decrepit. This is terrible for bikers. Potholes abound. It also affects those who must commute in older vehicles because they are poor and our current transit system is too slow (it should be faster!!).

Even crazier is wasting billions on freeway expansions when we have a housing shortage crisis! We should be using tons of that funding to build dense, income-mixed socialized housing.

The big earthquake is only a matter of time; we should be planning like crazy to fix all our bridges. Blood will be on your hands if many of these collapse in a big earthquake.

I would love to take hourly passenger rail through the Willamette valley. This should have been a reality ages ago.

In conclusion, prioritize public transit, building dense housing, safer streets, well-maintained bridges, commuter rail in the 2025 transportation package.

Thank you