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I am writing to express my strong support for prioritizing sustainable, safe, and active transportation options in the 2025 Transportation package. This is not just about policy; it's about the quality of life for all Oregonians, including myself and my family.

A solid and reliable public transit system dramatically improves our daily lives and reduces the burden on our roads, and traffic violence is a real threat that has touched myself and my loved ones. It's baffling that we've spent over \$110 million merely planning the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion while neglecting other safer and greener infrastructure projects. Induced demand is a proven phenomenon, and continuing to expand freeways only worsens congestion. We need a paradigm shift towards sustainable solutions that genuinely address our transportation issues.

In order to start to address the existential threat of climate change, we need a moratorium on freeway expansion and new policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled. This is not just about reducing emissions; it's about preserving our planet for future generations.