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For the sake of our climate health, economic health, equity, and inclusion, I want to see walking, biking, and transit prioritized. Urban freeways divide cities, have negative health impacts, and encourage more driving which is bad for our cities. Highway expansion doesn't solve congestion – it encourages more driving which causes even more air pollution and causes more people to choose to drive for trips they otherwise might not have. We have so many problems in need of solutions and funding here in Oregon (infrequent transit, a lack of earthquake-resilient infrastructure, an extreme housing crisis, etc) and a highway expansion won't help solve any of those. Instead, invest in the solutions that we know will actually help solve the climate crisis, the housing crisis, or help keep our region safe from the impending earthquake.