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The data is absolutely irrefutable: adding freeway and street lanes does not reduce traffic congestion. The new pavement and cement that new lanes require is IN ITSELF harmful to our warming environment. Portland has been leading the way with transport and land use approaches that have PROVEN to shift mode choices away from driving toward transit and walkable communities. Please make funding choices consistent with these documented as well as hopeful trends. Drivers and highway contractors will always want more pavement, but it's clear from the data that what we need is more walking, more efficient travel options, and more housing near where people work and play. Thank you for your consideration.