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An overlooked problem with freeways running through urban areas, like Portland, is their encroachment on the city's surface streets. The most dangerous and stressful intersections in Portland all involve freeway on- and off-ramps claiming local streets as "jughandles," or jury-rigged cloverleaves.

A couple examples which come to mind from the westside are the intersection of Barbur Blvd/I-5 and Capitol Highway, and the entire southern segment of 405. That mess of I-5, 26, and 405 ramps interrupt the surface streets and make it nearly impossible to travel through the area on foot or by bike. I don't feel like I can safely walk to the southern area of downtown from my house because these roads are such a barrier.

We have "orphan" highways, like Barbur Blvd, which are dangerous and in a terrible state, and which depress the local economy because they are so uninviting and difficult to navigate.

Please spend ODOT dollars improving our city. Help us achieve a vibrant and inviting city in which people can easily get around on foot or bicycle. This means investing in public transportation, maintenance and jurisdictional transfer.