

Submitted testimony from Nona Gamel, Pearl District/Portland below the line:

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This is Oregon's opportunity to work towards a state that helps people, combats climate change, and makes Portland a better place to live. For the amount of money that would be spent on widening the freeway, how many more buses could be funded? How many crosswalks could be improved, bike lanes made safer, potholes filled, bridges repaired? Freeway expansion is a very temporary fix. Visit Los Angeles for a preview. Public transportation needs to be improved to the extent that people prefer it to their private cars. This can be done! Please try.