

I live in Portland and primarily walk or bike for my daily transportation, although I do also have a car and use it, most often to visit family in Beaverton and to take other longer trips. I live quite close to Hwy 26/Powell, and since I have lived in my current home several pedestrians and cyclists have been killed by cars. I would like transportation funding to substantially and meaningfully improve safety in my neighborhood. But the majority of state transportation funding for the Portland metro region has instead been devoted to freeway expansion projects. These should be deprioritized! They are a waste of money! When I was in the Marines and stationed at Camp Pendleton, there was a freeway widening project on I-405 that cost \$1 billion plus and within 5 years of construction being finished traffic was worse than it had been before the expansion. Why spend so much money to so little effect? If that money was spent on basic maintenance for existing bridges and roads, surely we would expect to see benefits from the spending that last longer than 5 years?