

To mitigate the social and environmental impact of climate disruption throughout Oregon in the 21st century, I am calling on my legislators in Salem to end wasting valuable budget dollars on ODOT projects that continue to promote the expansion of freeways and the pollution they create. Instead, our State's transportation dollars should be invested in expanding public transportation services, forwarding climate action projects, and maintaining the quality and safety of existing roads and road systems in urban and rural areas alike. Whatever the impact of future electric vehicle availability and use, this new technology will not be enough to enhance the ecological health of communities without a radical change in how we think about our transportation infrastructure in general and the public behavior it influences. The "personal choice" option is a tired evasion of a growing problem and the many inequities it causes. We need leadership from our elected officials to reshape the culture at ODOT. Thank you for receiving comments.