

Legislators,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the State's long term transportation planning.

In an era of crises of climate, affordability, and accessibility transit is a critical component of a sustainable future that prioritizes people and environment over polluting megaprojects and our current dangerous system of deteriorating infrastructure. I demand that the legislature prioritize investments in street safety, as well as supporting generational expansion of transit and passenger rail.

It still seems that legislators are willing to consider spending further literal billions of dollars on Portland-area freeway megaprojects that have seen skyrocketing cost escalations and would rob the state of the necessary money for the basic road safety and maintenance projects needed across the state.

We know what to invest in to build a green, healthy, financially sustainable, cost-effective, non-polluting transportation system – and we know what investments we need to stop.

For this one in a generation opportunity to solve how people move around our state – invest in transit and road maintenance and street safety and passenger rail instead of bloated costly freeway expansions!

Thank you,

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