

I want this transportation package to plan for the future, not to add to the mistakes of the past. Now is our chance to allocate funds towards what we want the state's transportation to look like in 10, 20, and 50 years. A healthier, more livable, more vibrant city and state results from a move away from individual cars. While this cannot be done immediately, and cars can not be phased out completely, we can invest heavily in public transit and bike infrastructure so that it becomes difficult NOT to choose one of those options. The only way to make this transition is to look forward and start heading down that path. If we can increase usage of public transit, it will reduce burden on freeways, preventing the need for a giant expansion project.