

In 2025 I want my legislators to prioritize public transit, bike transit, and especially safety measures for cyclists. I have lived in Portland for over 10 years now and lived in multiple neighborhoods. I traverse the city by all the standard methods including driving, cycling, walking, taking the max, and the bus. Outside of when folks were staying home at the beginning of the pandemic traffic has continued to worsen and feels generally less safe to drive or cycle. There is no longer a lull between rush hours. There is just traffic at all times. People in general appear to be less worried about the rules of the road and driving laws. Many drivers appear to be in an incredible rush and feel more empowered to drive how they please including ignoring traffic lights/stops and illegally passing one lane city roads. I am at the point where I only want to take public transit and I do but it runs so infrequently, including the main lines, it is incredibly clunky and slow. I recently visited several cities in the UK, Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium and every single one of them had fluid transit where something was coming every 2-5 minutes. If I miss my bus here I can wait up to 15 minutes or more at times. Not good. When I moved here it felt like the cities focus was on public transit and bikes. Let's get back to that. We must improve cyclist safety, expand public transit and improve wait times, and all with a focus on climate change and infrastructure for climate change.

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