

I am writing as a concerned resident of Northeast Portland regarding the proposed expansion of the Rose Quarter freeway. I do not support this expansion, especially given that over \$130 million has already been spent just planning the project. I believe that this money could be better spent on solutions that align with Portland's values and needs.

As someone who commutes by bike and frequently uses public transit, my priorities lie in increasing support for:

- Public transit improvements that make our system more accessible and reliable.
- Development of safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists, ensuring that all Portlanders can commute safely.
- Expansion of Portland's bike network, creating a more connected, sustainable, and healthy city for future generations.

The freeway expansion seems at odds with our city's goals of reducing carbon emissions and promoting alternative forms of transportation. Instead of investing in infrastructure that will only perpetuate car dependency, I urge you to prioritize projects that will benefit all residents—especially those of us who rely on biking and public transit for our daily commutes.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue. I trust that you will advocate for a future where sustainable, equitable transportation options take precedence over costly and ineffective freeway expansions.

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