

Our city needs to start making bold choices again, instead of continuing to rest on its reputation as a green, forward-looking city. In no uncertain terms, we are far past the point where it is acceptable to fund one more cent to freeway widening or expanding fossil-fuel transportation infrastructure. If we go that route, it will no doubt be seen as an embarrassing, bullheaded, shockingly careless decision within just a few years. We have mountains of evidence that tell us that the only way out is massive investment in public transit infrastructure (mostly trains!), walk/bikeability, and dis-incentivization of automobile use. Portland used to be the kind of city with the vision to actually make such a bold decision and lead the way for others. Help us earn back that reputation.

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