

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chairs Beyer and McKeown, Vice Chairs Boquist and Bentz, for the record my name is Rob Nosse, State Representative for HD 42, inner SE and NE Portland.

I want to begin by offering a huge thank you to all of the folks on this Committee for their work, I know some of you have been doing this for almost 2 years now. As Legislators, doing that kind of work in the interim is not easy on one's families or other obligations, so a big thank you. I want to also take a moment to thank Rep. Janelle Bynum for her leadership on this issue, and for advocating so hard for this highway that is important in my district and several others.

Others have already said a lot of what is on my mind, so I will be very brief: In terms of constituent emails I receive, if you take away the mass organized ones, one of the most common emails I get from constituents is "what can be done to make Powell safer?" In 2015 alone there was more than one high profile accident along Powell Blvd in my district, right near a high school where thousands of students cross the road every day. That is just one spot along an entire stretch of highway that has unfortunately developed a reputation for being dangerous.

Again, I want to say how much I appreciate what everyone on this Committee has done. Please keep Powell Blvd in your thoughts as you look at investments in orphan highways. Thank you.

Rob Wosse

State Representative