

To Joint Committee on Transport and Economic Development

RE: SB 5542 and 5543

OPPOSED

I am categorically opposed to any and all new taxes and or initiatives from ODOT until the issues of environmental racism and social injustices at the Rose Quarter and ODOT's flawed NEPA analysis and public consultation issues are addressed. The FHWA approved the flawed NEPA analysis just two days after the November election to hide the illegal NEPA tactics and maneuvering of ODOT. These tactics are used all over Oregon to minimize local input on state highway planning.

Putting police officers who have been ejected from the Portland Police Department onto the Rose Quarter Executive Committee is patently offensive. The Portland Police representation on the Rose Quarter Executive Committee is RIDICULOUS! The entire committee should be disbanded. The members were chosen for their propensity to love freeway projects. They do not have love for the children of Albina. Capitalists are not community advocates.

I reject the authority of ODOT at the Rose Quarter. ODOT has categorically ended and shuttered over 5 community advisory committee. Their input categorically ignored.

This issue needs to be addressed immediately as it has giant HUGE political fallout potential for wrecking the planning process of the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program 2021. Adding another freeway lane through the Albina neighborhood could potentially kick off another round of summer protests.

Sincerely

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