

To Whom it May Concern:

As a Registered Nurse in inner Portland, I have experienced the effects of pollution first hand - increased asthma and other respiratory complications. Please, Please, Please consider the effects of freeway expansion on our inner city communities. Please don't be complicit in ODOTs plan to dump more pollution into our communities.

Instead let's explore all the great alternatives to freeway expansion and let's make it a little less comfortable for cars and trucks to hit the road and create pollution - we owe it to our children and their children to put the brakes on pollution.

House Bill 3065 is a bad bill that would dramatically hurt our ability to solve traffic congestion, reduce carbon emissions, and rob us of money we need for other urgent transportation priorities across the state of Oregon. I want to see the Oregon Legislature fund sidewalks, crosswalks, high speed rail, bike lanes, frequent bus service, electrified buses, charging stations for automobiles, intercity bus service, or basic road maintenance ahead of committing future generations to paying for these ghastly freeway expansions that are nothing short of climate arson.

Sincerely, Maria Opie, RN