

This omnibus bill gives ODOT excessive bonding authority with inadequate public checks on individual projects. The Rose Quarter project in Portland is an example of ODOT's lack of transparency and lack of concern for neighborhood opinions and air quality around the Harriet Tubman School. Bridges and fixing public safety hazards should be prioritized but additional highway lanes and off-ramps should be scrutinized by the general public in an authentic public process before funding is committed. Most importantly, ODOT should take the Governor's Executive Order on climate seriously and should be prioritizing climate over automobiles and trucks.