

I live close to the I5/205 interchange in Tualatin and I am strongly opposed to the amendments, even though it is supposedly designed to convenience people like me who use 205.

The history of freeway expansions makes it clear that more lanes does not fix congestion, it induces further demand for freeway use until 1 or 2 years later, congestion becomes similar to what it was before, trapping us in a vicious cycle of congestion and expansion, always worsening climate change and air pollution.

We must spend money instead to develop our cities with humans in mind, not cars. This means making mass transit more available to more people, increasing housing density where people travel to, making our neighborhoods more walkable/bikeable in terms of both convenience and safety, and decreasing our communities' reliance on cars.

We must spend money to REDUCE our dependence on fossil fuels, not to increase it. The billions spent to \*temporarily\* convenience suburban commuters is the money we could be using to fix TV Highway, McLoughlin, or 82nd Avenue, or investing in commuter rail, more frequent bus service, bus electrification, sidewalks, crosswalks, or enabling people to live closer to where they work and reduce car dependence.

Do not allow these amendments to go through and spend money to make our problems worse. We as a city, as a state, as a nation, have the ability to build fantastic transportation infrastructure, but we must choose people over cars when we do so.