

I strongly oppose this bill and any measure that commits significant resources to expanding Portland area highways. The evidence is clear that we as a state cannot expect to build our way out of the significant highway congestion issues we currently face. Implementing congestion pricing combined with increased investments in public transportation systems is the only way to meet the region's growing transportation needs in a reliable way. The fact that public transportation option is the only approach that aggressively tackles climate change is just icing on the cake when the solution is so much more cost-effective than building more highways before even factoring in the significant environmental costs.