

Climate leaders don't expand highways. I am writing to urge you to reject this further expansion of the already larded up ODOT freeway budget. As I write this on May 12th we've just had our driest April in recorded history and we're almost halfway through our driest May ever. Continuing to build highways and encouraging carbon based transportation is wildly irresponsible, even if it would improve travel times (and we all know it won't). This money could be used to improve safety on dangerous state roads like 82nd, build bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and improve mass transit state wide. All of those uses would decrease vehicle miles travelled and reduce carbon emissions. Building more freeways means not only does the state get less bike lanes, busses, better side walks, better lit streets, safer streets, etc. it also means more vehicle miles travelled, more carbon emissions, and more pollution in our neighborhoods. Be the leaders you pretend to be when you ask for my vote and reject this bill.