

Expanding freeways is not a solution to congestion and it has terrible consequences for both our air quality and impact on our climate emergency. This is an important opportunity for Oregon to turn away from tactics that we know don't work and instead build a livable future. This bill supports the I-5 expansion which should not be funded by the Oregon taxpayers. Even under the rosier of predictions for vehicle electrification, Oregonians simply must reduce the number of miles they drive as the state grows if we want to have a shot of hitting our emission reduction targets. We need to use the roads we already have better, not add more – and we instead need to be investing in public transportation, walkable communities, high speed rail, intercity buses, and maintaining existing roads.