

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Transportation: I urge you to oppose House Bill 3065. At a time when we need to be doing all within our power to reduce carbon emissions in order to avoid climate catastrophe, our state legislature should not be considering spending taxpayer dollars on freeway expansions. We desperately need limited transportation funds to go toward faster public transit commutes and electrifying public transit busses as well as supporting alternative forms of transportation (and bike and pedestrian oriented developments), electrifying public fleets, and providing free charging stations for electrical vehicles. We do not need projects like the Rose Quarter expansion that will worsen air pollution in my neighborhood near Harriet Tubman school in BIPOC/working class neighborhoods that already have lower air quality and the associated health risks. We need to prioritize transportation solutions for the future and not spend limited funds freeway expansions that in the long run harm us all. Please oppose House Bill 3065. Thank-you. Diana Meisenhelter