

I am disappointed in to see Speaker Kotek (who I have voted for as a progressive candidate) push such a regressive and short-sighted bill. Freeway expansion has been proven to be a waste of money and worse yet, ineffective. Anyone who has been to Southern California and sat in traffic at the 5 and the 405 interchange - EIGHT lanes across each direction, all gridlocked - knows how pointless adding more lanes is. The money this bill proposes to spend would be much better served to increase public transportation or fix the issues on 82nd or TV Highway - both sites of recent and recurring pedestrian and cyclist deaths. Portland needs to continue to be a leader in environmental and transportation as we have been for years and not cave to the fossil fuel industry and ODOT pressure to just built more freeways.