

My partner and I have no cars. Portland and Washington county are getting congested with vehicles. It was not always this way. The reputation of public transportation forward is diminishing when it ought to be expanding. Oregon is a state that believes we are in a climate change crisis and with that belief means action to minimize our use of fuel. We can only do this by having more incentives to use public transit and walk more. We do not need more highways but rather more infrastructure that creates clean air and more open spaces for bicyclists and pedestrians. Unfortunately, as far as walkability is concerned the number of pedestrian deaths is up and my partner and I have been almost hit on a regular basis. We commute all over and it's not good anywhere. The state is promoting too much driving and not enough doing something good for the environment or for our survival as non car owners.