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I am concerned about what the currently proposed I5 freeway expansion (as part of the IBR Project) means in terms of more cars, more traffic and more air pollution in North and Northeast Portland.

I am also very concerned about the climate emergency and frustrated that ODOT wants to spend billions on I5 freeway expansion which will increase emissions. Instead ODOT should be investing in better local and statewide transit options, because 40% of Oregon's carbon emissions come from transportation.

Even though I support replacing the Interstate I5 bridge, I oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a correctly-sized Bridge Replacement. I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) which ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.