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Our region needs a seismically upgraded Interstate Bridge Replacement that incorporates options for biking, walking and public transit. With toxic air along our Metro highways, adding more traffic lanes should not be the main focus moving forward. Phased funding that ensures accountability at every step is important. I am opposed to expanding the I-5 freeway through the Rose Quarter, where the air quality already causes increased rates of asthma, lung disease and missed school and work days, especially in Portland's historically Black neighborhood. Throughout my years living in close-in NE Portland there was a fine black soot that coated my porch despite regular cleanings. That same black soot is in the air we breathe. Our air belongs to the public, and the State of Oregon is allowing it to be polluted for the convenience of business to the detriment of our citizens.