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I am writing to say that I support the Neighbors for Clean Air position that we need the following:

- An Interstate Bridge with seismic upgrades and options for biking, walking and public transit, rather than a several lane expansion that will consume the lion's share of our state's transportation budget.
- A phased funding plan that ensures accountability every step of the way.
- A transportation package that won't expand the I-5 freeway through the Rose Quarter, which would only increase pollution in Portland's historically Black neighborhood.

In the past 70 + years, Portland's freeways have consistently been built to bisect majority BIPOC and low income neighborhoods, destroying homes and businesses while polluting the surrounding communities. Now, transportation creates 40% of the greenhouse gases in our region.

We now have the opportunity to change this legacy. Instead of spending over a billion dollars on an expansion of our fossil fuel infrastructure, we can truly take steps to create an equitable and climate friendly transportation system.