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On Behalf Of: Citizens of Oregon
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
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I oppose this.

<https://www.albinavisioninc.com/> Albina Vision Trust in partnership with ODOT creates a conflict of interest between a community-driven non-profit 501(c)(3) created to buy back land, rebuild community, and reroot Black legacies and Black futures in the heart of Portland's central city.

I understand the issues involving racism, but this is also racism

Here is the description:

1. The I-5 Rose Quarter project in Portland, Oregon, is a collaborative effort involving the Albina Vision Trust, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and other partners ((who are the "other partners"?)) to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and reconnect the Albina neighborhood that was previously divided by the freeway. The project includes building a highway cover over a portion of I-5, which will create new space for community development and reconnect streets.

Here's a more detailed look at the project and its relationship with the Albina Vision Trust:

Project Goals:

Reconnecting Albina:

2. The project aims to physically and symbolically reconnect the Albina neighborhood, which was historically divided by the construction of I-5.

Improving Traffic Flow:

The project addresses congestion at the state's top traffic bottleneck where three major interstates converge, and aims to improve safety and operations on I-5.

3. Enhancing Community Spaces:

The highway cover will create new spaces for community development, including potential for buildings, green spaces, and pedestrian/bike-friendly infrastructure.

4. Restorative Justice:

The project is seen as an opportunity for restorative justice for the Albina community, which suffered from the displacement and disempowerment caused by the freeway's construction.

***** (This is blatant racism) *****

Albina Vision Trust's Role:

Community Partner:

5. The Albina Vision Trust is a key partner in the project, working with ODOT to ensure the project reflects the community's vision for Albina's revitalization.

Advocacy:

The Albina Vision Trust has been actively involved in advocating for the project and

ensuring it addresses the needs of the Albina community. ***** (Racist?!)

Community Investment Plan:

6. The Albina Vision Trust has developed a community investment plan that outlines a framework for an inclusive community and seeks to heal the wounds of past urban development.

7. Securing Funding: *****OMG THIS IS FREEKING RACISM YOU ARE STIRRING THIS POT!!*****

The Albina Vision Trust played a crucial role in securing a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant that will allow the project to move forward.

Project Features:

Highway Cover:

The project involves building a highway cover over a portion of I-5, which will allow for the construction of buildings, green spaces, and other community amenities on top of the cover.

Local Street Improvements:

8. The project includes improvements to local streets, including wider sidewalks ***** (who out of pocket, not taxes, is required to widen these streets/sidewalks) *****, protected bike lanes, and improved pedestrian crossings.

New East-West Connections:

The project will create new east-west roadways and pedestrian crossings across I-5, reconnecting areas that were previously separated by the freeway.

Ramp-to-Ramp Connections:

The project includes the creation of ramp-to-ramp connections on I-5, which will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.

9. The I-5 Rose Quarter project is a complex undertaking that aims to improve both transportation and community well-being. The Albina Vision Trust is a vital partner in ensuring that the project serves the needs and aspirations of the Albina community.

***** (RACISM?!)

10. 66 units for HOW MUCH? Everything in this measure is conflict of interest within a charity based group in the social justice dogma, and merely stirs up the pot of racism that already WAS healing until democrats came along. Imagine: Christian group & white ppl, you'd be screaming RACISM.