



# Environmental Assessment Comments

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## 2019 0327 Warren Miles

**Comment:** more focus on green solutions for vehicle pollution rather than just adding to the ability for more gas guzzling cars to zip in and out of the already top congested city. Ban cars downtown.

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0329 Wayne Bauer

**Comment:** I have reviewed the proposed project and offer the following comments:

This project has been developed to bend over backwards to allow the organized radical community members a voice. As a person that has lived in NE Portland for over 35 years, 2 miles from this project, I have seen the area deteriorate from a business standpoint, primarily because no one can get anywhere. This is a 50 plus year old freeway that has been neglected, along with many others in the area, to the point that there is daily gridlock. Something has to be done to improve the area. At long last there are funds to improve this area, so move forward.

The freeway part of the project is miniscule. The focus is as always in Portland, trying to turn back the clock and turn this area into a lovely plaza with people walking and biking. I am willing to accept that only because the freeway system gets improved with it. The tail is wagging the dog.

The Portland bicycle and pedestrian advocates have way too much of a voice in all decisions made on transportation. That will never change until the silent majority also has a voice. People that use the demon automobile do exist, as does the trucking community trying to move goods through this area.

Move this project forward. Don't listen to the idiotic Joe Cortrights of the world. He does not live or travel in the real world- sits in his office and gets paid to do who knows what. We may not be able to build our way out of congestion since it is too little too late. We most certainly allowed ourselves to build our way into it by growth without infrastructure to accommodate it.

Wayne Bauer

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0402 Wendy Byrne

**Comment:** Please do not spend our tax dollars to expand the freeway at the Rose Quarter!

This

IS

A WASTE of our resources!

Freeway expansion will increase traffic, not reduce it!



Please look to the future in a new way, not this way.

Wendy Byrne

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0315 Wendy Ferguson

**Comment:** The freeway widening idea is not research-based. There are many other ways to create jobs than this project, that won't create an even more unlivable city than we already have. Please invest the funds into improving public transportation options and creating ways to discourage driving through and around the city.

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0329 Wendy Ferguson

**Comment:** Building a wider freeway increases congestion to fill the space - this has been proven over and over. Along with that congestion comes more pollution in an already tragically polluted area, and lower quality of life for all Portland Metro Area residents.

All available evidence points to Portland needing non-car alternatives to deal with congestion, many of which can also generate jobs and revenue without scarring our region for decades to come.

Thank you,

Wendy Ferguson

20 year Portland resident, 97206

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0326 Wendy Horvat

**Comment:** I am a citizen who hates cars and highways and what they do to society. Freeways are dangerous and are disgusting when they are made only to become more disgusting in their existence. What would help congestion is if there were less people on the road in their car, one person to a four person vehicle. Why isn't ridesharing something that people get rewarded for or taking the bus? Why is everyone in our transportation system punished for how they travel. Even if you are a person who enjoys driving you still have to watch for other drivers who are careless and doing things they shouldn't while driving. Expanding the highway won't solve any congestion issues. Rewarding people for traveling during non peak hours is what would solve the problem.

**Attachments:** N/A



## 2019 0331 Wesley C. Risher

**Comment:** ODOT,

I support the Rose Quarter improvements planned by ODOT and outlined in the earlier State transportation projects. This area of I-5 in Portland is very dangerous to drive through and overly congested due to the lane configuration/lane limitations. I do not see this as a Freeway expansion rather a necessary improvement to an aged area of the I-5 corridor.

Regards,

Wesley Risher

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0328 Wesley E Kempfer

**Comment:** At a time when we are facing climate disruption, any investment to expand infrastructure for the automobile is an insane and irresponsible waste of money. Any attempt to justify this kind of expansion using climate change as a supporting argument is pure crap. And we should all know by now that when it comes to expanding freeways if we build it, they will fill it. Jevon's paradox is inescapable. Demand will expand to fill the expanded capacity.

If we were acting in accordance with what the emergency called climate disruption truly demands, then we would be doing all we can to get people out their automobiles and into modes less impactful to the environment. This is what leaders who are not corrupted by campaign cash would be working toward. But, tragically that is not what have is it?

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0327 Wesley Mueller

**Comment:** Freeway expansion is not right for Portland. Rather than helping traffic, it will induce more people to fill the new space, creating more pollution in nearby communities, increasing climate destroying carbon emissions, and not fixing existing congestion.

The money for this project could be better used by expanding transportation options that move people off freeways and onto bikes and into mass transit. We should be reducing freeway capacity to make these options more inviting.

**Attachments:** N/A



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**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0328 Whitsitt Goodson

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**Comment:** The proposed freeway expansion is some foolishness. You know it won't do anything to improve traffic in the long run. The report that hides the premise of a bigger bridge across the river? You can't even propose this thing on actual facts. I've got kids. Every day I worry about what this world is going to be like when they grow up. We spent the last summer choking on smoke, and that looks to be the new normal. Why on Earth are we, as a community, expected to put more resources into infrastructure that is going to make the problem of catastrophic climate change worse? Why should we put a freeway right up against a middle school? I'm utterly flabbergasted at just what a dumb idea this freeway expansion is.

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0401 William Larson

*Oregon Health & Science University*

**Comment:** I have lived in Portland my whole life and traffic has always been bad in the section of I5 near the Rose Quarter. Portland needs to take a stand as one of the most liberal cities in the country and come up with an INNOVATIVE way to change our congestion problems. We need to invest in clean transportation, not increase ease for people driving cars. The MAX needs to go to Wilsonville and also needs a circle line around the city. We need to expand our bicycle network and invest in fixing the roads that we already have. Widening our freeways is not the answer to our congestion or our climate problems. We could spend our money more wisely.

Best,

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**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0315 William Risser

**Comment:** I have read and thought about the concerns raised by the Audubon Society of Portland that are listed below. They all make sense to me. I hope that you will take them into consideration. As a pediatrician, I share the Society's concern about the health impact on the children of Harriet Tubman School.

- o Expanding freeways is not an effective strategy for reducing congestion. ODOT has failed to make the case for why this project should move forward.
- o ODOT should fully evaluate proven strategies such as congestion pricing and investment in public transportation before spending a half billion dollars to expand a short stretch of highway.
- o The project is entirely at odds with the City's Climate Agenda. 40% of Oregon's emissions are from the transportation sector. We need to focus on strategies that reduce dependency on cars, not perpetuate 1950s style highway projects.
- o At the same time that ODOT is proposing to spend nearly half a billion dollars on expanding I-5, the region continues to neglect serious road safety problems in East Portland.
- o The project will increase air pollution in the backyard of Harriet Tubman Middle School, which already has some of the worse air quality in the state.

For a project with an estimated cost of over \$500 million, we feel the projected community benefits are just not there - while the opportunity cost of using these funds shelves other deserving projects with tangible safety improvements or opportunities to decarbonize our transportation system.

Sincerely,

William Risser, MD

**Attachments:** N/A



## 2019 0305 William Crawford

**Comment:** Climate change is real. The study saying this will reduce carbon emissions is patently illogical.

More cars will come. More cars equal more CO2 emissions. Induced demand is real.

This is also environmental racism. This city has systematically destroyed the African American community in every conceivable way. This is a continuation of that sordid legacy.

Do not expand this freeway. Do not greenwash this plan to facilitate more cars and single occupancy vehicles.

Enough is enough.

--Bill Crawford

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0402 William D. Michtom

**Comment:** Do not expand the I5RQ freeway.

Do not expand ANY freeway.

Do everything possible to stop using fossil fuels.

We have to stop climate catastrophe all over the world & we're about to run out of time.

The expansion WON'T reduce congestion; WILL create more pollution in the immediate surroundings; will mislead the public into thinking this makes sense.

It. Makes. No. Sense. At. All!

STOP!!!!!!

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0401 William Eichelberger

**Comment:** ya know, it's totally bonkers to me that freeway expansion is still an option even considered in this conversation despite its demonstrated history of not fixing congestion. why is this even something on the table? it's not equitable, it'll add more pollution right in the center of the city (and right next to a bunch of elementary school children), and it won't decrease travel times.

spend this money to improve public transit! add more bike lanes! build affordable housing next to transit hubs! add a sidewalk to lombard crossing i-5 so i don't have to walk in the middle of a street to get where i'm going!



thanks for your time, please don't waste my tax dollars on jamming more single occupancy vehicles into the city center.

best,

william

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0401 William Francis

**Comment:** I think the money we spend on road infrastructure/ freeways is absurd. We need to invest this money in active transportation and other areas that benefit marginalized populations over those who are able to afford a car. We can do a lot more with this money if we invest it in these areas as opposed to roads/ freeways; our money will go much further.

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0326 William H. Whitaker

**Comment:** We can use \$500,000 much more effectively to preserve our planet and protect our health. Please stop this unwise freeway expansion.

**Attachments:** N/A

## 2019 0314 William Vollmer

**Comment:** I opposed the proposed Rose Quarter freeway expansion. while this may yield short term relief to our traffic congestion, history should have taught us by now that in the longer term it will just lead to more cars and more congestion, not to mention more auto emissions. we should be looking to other options (more mass transportation and other green infrastructure) to deal with traffic congestion

**Attachments:** N/A