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Hello!

Thanks so much for taking public feedback on this project! I am a Portland resident who lives near I-5 off Killingsworth. I have been watching this project with a lot of interest. I appreciate the hard work of everyone involved and am especially excited to see all the environmental measures being considered (recycled materials, wind and solar power, carbon sequestering, fish habitat protection, stormwater treatment, etc.).

That being said, I am not in support of spending \$4+ billion. But that is only one factor. Indeed, I want to see our region thrive (economically and in all other ways), but I see this traffic expansion as going directly against Portland and the State of Oregon's goals to reduce our carbon emissions 20% below 1990 levels. Studies show that traffic flow increases with capacity. If we're serious about climate change and our environmental impact, it's time to start making some difficult decisions and be creative about ways to meet everyone's needs while reducing our impact.

I urge you to consider other options and also encourage massive public education efforts. It's time to take advantage of rising gas prices and encourage folks to do transportation differently (carpool, public transit, bike!, etc.). It is my belief that as gas prices rise and hit people where it hurts (in their pocketbooks), behaviors will change. At least, that is my hope.

I am encouraging my friends to weigh in on this topic, too. I hope you get a lot of responses.

Thanks again for your many hours of work and discussions with the public.

Peace...

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