



May 13, 2019

The Honorable Representative McKeown and Senator Beyer, Chairs  
Representative Noble and Senator Boquist, Vice-Chairs  
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court St NE Salem OR 97301

Chairs McKeown and Beyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Boquist, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Street Trust, we thank you for the opportunity to comment **in support of HB 2846**.

The Street Trust is a non-profit membership organization working to promote and improve public transit, walking and bicycling conditions in Oregon. Our membership represents over 14,000 Oregonians dedicated to create communities where people can meet their daily transportation needs through active transportation.

In our work to achieve zero fatalities in the Portland Metro region, we see that often the most dangerous roads are those that are technically state highways but actually function as city streets. These streets are often also the least prioritized for safety improvements. The lack of safe infrastructure on these streets not only affects pedestrians and cyclists, but also businesses in the area that receive significantly less foot traffic.

Through the passage of HB 2846, local communities can correctly prioritize the safety and maintenance needs of these important roadways.

We thank you for your time and consideration, and hope you will pass HB 2846 with “yes” vote.

Sincerely,

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The Street Trust