



March 3, 2021

Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 395 - SUPPORT

Co-Chairs Beyer, McLain, and Members of the Committee,

We write in strong support of SB 395. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

To have a transportation system that meets the needs of every Oregonian, we must invest in alternative modes of transportation so that individuals, independent of their mode of transportation are able to access essential services and access to opportunities such as medical services, jobs and education. Across the state, communities lack basic infrastructure such as sidewalks, safe crossings, bike lanes etc. and this is an issue that we can begin fixing with the help of SB 395!

Oregon is long overdue for increased investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure and increasing the share of highway funds invested in walking and biking projects from 1% to 5%, as SB 395 would do, would allow for benefits such as:

- Increased safety for those walking and rolling
- Equitable access to safe ways to walk and roll, including for BIPOC Communities, older adults, and students
- Economic boost to our state and local economies
- Reduced traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and carbon emissions
- Greater connectivity to Oregon's beautiful natural spaces

Please support the building of Safe Routes for all Oregonians by voting YES on SB 395! Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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