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Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair
Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Opposition to Senate Bill 395

Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Beyer, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

Clatsop County respectfully submits this testimony in opposition of SB 395.

Clatsop County takes their commitment to supplying overall safety to all modal uses seriously. On the heels of the pandemic, our coastal communities have been challenged to maintain our existing road systems, especially on the coast, where we face the unique challenges of widening our roads due to our landscape's makeup. By adding an unfunded mandate, **SB 395 will reduce the limited funds we have to maintain our current system.** In Clatsop County, we could be forced to use condemnation, making the land expensive and hard to obtain.

SB 395 requires all "resurfacing" projects to include expenditures on footpaths and bicycle trails. Adding resurfacing to required projects will expand the original law's scope to require bike/ped improvements to almost every State Highway Fund-funded project regardless of context and project need. **Our county roads department has estimated SB 395, if passed, would impact our budget by approximately \$175,000.**

We would ask the committee to allow HB 2017 to be fully vested and honor the agreed-upon 1% allocation.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala
Clatsop County Commissioner