

Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing in support Senate Bill 395, which makes an important shift in our state's spending that will help us address the climate crisis, improve public health, and support the livability of our communities. Forty percent of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector. To do our part to address the climate crisis, Oregon must move away from the status quo as quickly as possible and increase investment in low-carbon, non-car transportation options, including walking and biking. Over-reliance on cars also has a detrimental impact on the health of Oregonians by requiring we burn fossil fuels just to go about our daily lives. A recent study found that fossil fuel air pollution caused 8.7 million premature deaths in 2018. Lastly, we need to make our streets safe for everyone, regardless of what type of transportation they use, by increasing our investment in crosswalks, sidewalks, and bike paths that are accessible to all. We all deserve a habitable planet, healthy air, and safe streets. Please support Senate Bill 395, which helps us move towards these goals.

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