



City of Tigard

March 24, 2021

House Committee on Transportation
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: In Support of HB 2744

Co-Chairs Beyer, McLain and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

On behalf of the Tigard City Council I am writing to express support for HB 2744 which directs the Director of Transportation to require each region described in the Act to conduct jurisdictional transfer evaluation and present report on evaluations to Joint Committee on Transportation no later than September 15, 2022.

The City of Tigard supports ongoing efforts to evaluate and prioritize the transfer in ownership of urban arterials from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to local agencies. Within the Portland Metro Region, there are several key arterials originally designed and constructed by ODOT that no longer serve their intended purpose or the needs of the communities that surround them. They suffer from chronic under-investment and are inadequately designed to support all modes of travel.

One such urban arterial falling into this category is Hall Boulevard; a key north-south travel corridor in the City of Tigard. Much of the pavement on Hall Boulevard is failing or in a state of disrepair and pedestrian and bicycle facilities are inadequate and inconsistent. The City of Tigard is committed to working with ODOT to improve the roadway and ultimately take over jurisdictional control. We are pleased to see some forward momentum on a statewide effort that would support our local goals for jurisdictional transfer of Hall Boulevard.

For the reasons listed above, the City of Tigard supports HB 2744. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason B. Snider, Mayor
City of Tigard