

As a resident of a Southeast Portland neighborhood bounded by two "orphaned" state highways (Hwy 213 and 26), I encourage you to advance and support HB 2744.

The City of Portland is ready to implement a number of much-needed safety measures to improve these streets and pedestrian ways. This measure would study the feasibility of that and pave the way for the State to make jurisdictional transfers where warranted. Particularly in urban areas where portions of these state highways have become destinations in their own right, local jurisdictions need the authority to make them safe and suitable to the surrounding development, and the State needs to invest in any overdue repairs.

For my family and many of our neighbors, 82nd Avenue and Powell Blvd. are frequent destinations for shopping, healthcare, education, and recreation. Ideally, we would be able to cross them and move about these corridors more safely than we can today.

Thank you for your consideration.

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