

Thank you for reading my testimony. As a multi-vehicle operator who is directly affected by this proposed legislation, HB 3065, and it's -8 amendment would break the promises made in the transportation package from 2017 wherein many business owners agreed to help fund infrastructure improvements needed to support the continued growth of Oregon's economy. Passing this would not only jeopardize the Rose Quarter project, (which as a company that does business for Tri-Met every night on Swan Island), but also with the inclusion of new requirements around the design of slated projects, would prevent any major transportation projects from getting built in the future. This cannot happen. These improvements are much needed. I-5 at the Rose Quarter is one of the worst bottlenecks in the country. This gridlock keeps business from flowing, products being delivered in a timely manner when we are currently experiencing shortages as it is, and idling hurts the community and drivers alike. We are an ecoFriendly company committed to keeping vehicles off the road as much as anyone, but having to sit in traffic and idle for hours every single day, defeats the purpose, does it not? We need to ensure this improvement project is completed. Above many others. It is LONG overdue.

This bill would allow for dollars currently dedicated to the Rose Quarter project to be used for other projects. This isn't fair to those of us who testified and made promises to be a part of the commitment to help with solutions.

This bill will further delay congestion relief where it's needed most. The business owners who continue to pay the taxes, fees, permits and licenses to operate in these areas deserve better. We have upheld our end of the bargain, now it's time for the legislature to do so as well.

Please reconsider in favor of better solutions and keeping promises.

Respectfully submitted