

City of Tangent Support of HB 2095 - Photo Radar

To the Joint Transportation Committee

My name is Joe Samaniego, City Manager for the City of Tangent, and I am writing on behalf of the City in support of HB2095.

The City of Tangent is located in Linn County, home to 1,231 residents, and Highway 99 East goes right through the center of town. The posted speed limit is 45 miles per hour; however, there is a big problem of people going more than over 50, 55, and even 60 mph. This is dangerous as we have one crosswalk with a pedestrian island and flashing lights.

Just south, we have two businesses that frequently see customers park across the street and walk across the highway where there is no crosswalk or adequate lighting. Our City Engineer has been working with Pacific Power to find a lighting solution. We are also looking at adding six parking spaces, at least two, to accommodate electric car charging stations.

As we develop our Transportation System Plan (TSP), one of our goals is to encourage more cycling and pedestrian travel, and Highway 99 East has been a barrier in crossing. We are in the process of getting a sign which warns drivers that they are going too fast entering the City, and we hope that helps. Using photo radar is an additional solution to reduce the number of drivers speeding through the City of Tangent.

Allowing municipalities to have the ability to operate photo radar benefits all Oregonians in promoting safety for our cyclists and pedestrians and helps municipalities encourage alternative transportation away from single-occupied vehicles.

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Best Regards

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