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Oregon Joint Committee on Transportation
RE: Support HB 3113

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Mc Clain, Co-Vice Chair Boquist, Co-Vice Chair Boshart-Davis, and other members of the Committee,

My name is Paxton Rothwell and I live in Northeast Portland. I encourage you to support HB 3113 to invest in reconnecting communities across the State that have been bisected by Oregon's highways. Funding ODOT's "Great Streets" program would stop letting ODOT claim they have no money to fix up local "orphan highways" that run through many Oregon cities and towns.

Safe streets are critically important. In this age of drivers driving large vehicles while distracted, it is infinitely important that the road infrastructure supports safe driving. Many Oregon highways are designed to move vehicles as quickly as possible through our cities and towns. This has led to dangerous conditions for the people who live in these places. Passing HB 3113 and funding the Great Streets program would show communities that the State cares about providing safe transportation access to all Oregonians, not just those who can afford to drive a car.

Thank you,
Paxton Rothwell