

Submitter: Katie Harris
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2756

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Please support HB 2756 to transfer jurisdiction of Hall Boulevard to the City of Tigard.

I have lived six blocks from Hall Boulevard for the past 13 years. My family uses Hall Boulevard on a daily basis – for our commutes, for trips to the public library and on other errands, and to take our child to school at Metzger Elementary. But during those 13 years, we have slowly watched the infrastructure of Hall Boulevard deteriorate with increasing potholes and other damage to the surface of the street as well as fading striping and other hazards.

While the highway is becoming increasingly unsafe for motorists, it has long been unsafe for pedestrians and bikers due to the lack of contiguous sidewalks and narrow or nonexistent bike lanes. We do not feel Hall Boulevard is currently a safe option for our child to walk or bike the one mile to school from our house, nor will it be when our youngest child begins at Metzger Elementary in 2024 if the Department of Transportation retains jurisdiction over Hall Boulevard.

However, I do have confidence that the City of Tigard will be a proactive steward of this roadway if you were to grant them jurisdiction. In our time living in Tigard, we have seen the city government and municipal services take a hands-on, practical, long-range approach to our community infrastructure that citizens of Tigard are proud of. Please allow the city to take control of Hall Boulevard and provide much needed improvements for the safety of our community.

On behalf of my family and my community, I urge you to support HB 2756.

Thank you,
Katie Harris