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Co-Chairs Chris Gorseck and Susan McLain Joint Committee on Transportation 900 Court Street, NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: SUPPORT for HB 4067 - Relating to Taskforce on Electric Micromobility

Dear Co-Chairs Gorseck, McLain, and Members of the Committee,

As the Transportation Options Program Manager for the City of Eugene I am writing to express support from the City for HB 4067, which will create a Taskforce on Electric Micromobility. Our goal at the City of Eugene is to increase the number of trips taken by active transportation and electric micromobility plays a key role in that work.

Over the past few years we have permitted an e-scooter share program, begun evaluating electrification of our bike share fleet, expanded our own City of Eugene e-bike fleet, created a "Path Etiquette" campaign, and worked with the Eugene Water and Electric Board on an e-bike incentive program.

Over time we have seen a major increase in the number of e-micromobility devices in our public spaces, including our roads, shared-use paths, and trails. We have heard from the community about the need for more education, outreach, enforcement, and support around electric micromobility.

We believe this taskforce is essential in bringing partners together from around the state to collaborate on best practices around electric micromobility and ways to increase safe, efficient, resilient, and sustainable transportation options.

As we continue our work to reach city goals of reducing green house gas emissions and increasing active transportation trips, we look forward to working with a new Taskforce on Electric Micromobility.

Thank you for your work on this and for your time today.

Sincerely,

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