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Committee members,

Thank you for your work on the Joint Committee on Transportation and in particular work on SB 1563. I live in Newport, support SB 1563 and I hope the study benefits our coastal communities.

I'm a retired civil engineer, OSU graduate, and I worked for municipalities for most of my career. Mainly street, roads and highway projects. One thing that I came to fully understand during my career, something that should have been evident to me earlier, is that our roadways are the public's right of way. This appears to be a pretty obvious statement, but it's not. We think of roadways being for cars but we should be thinking of roadways being for people, corridors for all people to move about. The language of SB 1563 appears to demonstrate this car centric way of thinking, using terms like "safe driving conditions" with no emphasis on the public's safety in general.

As ODOT prepares the scope of work for this study, please keep in mind the public's use of the right of way. This includes pedestrians, bicycles or other means of public transportation. All of the public should feel safe on our roadways as they travel.

Thank you for your consideration. I fully support the study.

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