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Senator Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Transportation 900 Court Street, NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Committee:

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on HB 4165. The way the state moves forward to address cost responsibility will have a significant impact on the entire state transportation system, both at the local and state levels.

HB 4165 presents a reasonable approach to this issue. The bill proposes a study to put the necessary time into exploring and developing policy options that can bring the state's transportation revenue into line with constitutional requirements while also ensuring that the state's transportation system – which includes all the local systems as well as ODOT-owned facilities – can successfully support the safe, well-connected travel that allows communities around the state to thrive. The City of Portland looks forward to engaging in that conversation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Millicent Williams, Director

Portland Bureau of Transportation

