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If Oregon is going to continue to be a climate leader and build a state and cities that are resilient against the growing climate crisis we must invest in rail infrastructure and transportation options other than the wasteful, polluting, inefficient individual passenger vehicle.

An investment in rail infrastructure is necessary to keep Oregon's communities connected in a changing world, and to lessen our contribution to the climate crisis that is injuring and displacing more and more Oregonians each year.

The status quo of spending the majority of our transportation budget on highways, especially between dense population centers connected by some of the easiest geography to build rail on, is socially, environmentally, and economically unsustainable.