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* Clatskanie Hill and Bradley Hill remain an issue for public safety and have an impact on local businesses.

* ODOT and OSP efforts are very much appreciated; however, design safety changes need to be made on Highway 30.

* Specifically, Clatskanie Hill needs guardrail and reflectors added to that guardrail to improve visibility during evening / early morning foggy conditions (which are frequent) to help rural commuters. Especially at MP 58-60, which is an area of frequent crashes and great concern.

* Bradley Hill continues to need slide repairs.

* Our rural community relies on Highway 30 for ambulance transportation, school bus transportation, and to service the community's electrical energy infrastructure during severe weather. When Highway 30 is shut down for road accidents, landslides, and for weather or other reasons it impacts the community's safety since in many cases the alternative routes are roads in less ideal conditions or in some cases there is no alternative route.

* It also impacts local businesses in their ability to operate. It is a frequent occurrence that Highway 30 is shutdown.

* If Highway 30 is not improved, it will continue to have a negative impact on the safety of our community and on the economic development of our rural economy. That is why I urge you to support SB 458 and allocate funds for a comprehensive study of Highway 30.