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Testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 564

It has come to my attention that late in the day on 02/11/2025, Senate Bill 564 was filed by Senator Anderson. I urge persons to oppose this bill.

Efforts to widen Highway 20 in the Corvallis/Philomath corridor would be wasteful of money and other resources, and would not alleviate the traffic congestion that is present. There is insufficient space to add multiple lanes for motorized traffic at a capacity that will increase speed of travel. We cannot afford to maintain the infrastructure that we have, so how can we propose building additional capacity when it would directly induce the demand we would best be attempting to mitigate? Unless the proposal is for high speed rail, transit-only lane additions or some other means of improving capacity for person-thru put without increasing the number of single-occupancy vehicles on this stretch of road, bills like this should not be considered in this day and age. If all the traffic signals in this stretch were removed and roundabouts installed in their place, through put would improve. But if traffic lights remain in place, adding capacity will just increase the storage space for parked cars during each cycle of red lights.

How is this a useful means of spending our tax dollars? Say NO.

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