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March 11th, 2025

Re: SB 5541, ODOT Budget Bill

Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing today on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, which represents the mayors of 24 cities in the Portland Metro Area—home to more than 1.7 million Oregonians. Our message is simple: ODOT needs sustainable, equitable funding to maintain the comprehensive transportation network our communities rely on.

Whether it's a state highway, a county road, or a city street, Oregonians expect safe, reliable infrastructure. Right now, too many of our local streets are falling apart, and when funding gets tight, maintenance is often the first thing on the chopping block. That's not a sustainable approach. ODOT needs the resources to fix what's broken and keep our communities moving.

We also fully support the completion of the large-scale, regionally significant projects outlined in HB 2017. The Rose Quarter, Abernethy Bridge, and I-5 Bridge projects aren't just important for our cities—they're vital to the entire state's economy. That's why we strongly support POP #110, ensuring the IBR program has the staffing needed to deliver a timely, functional bi-state crossing.

As mayors, we hear firsthand about the transportation challenges our communities face every day. We're ready to work with this subcommittee and ODOT to address these challenges head-on. Local governments are closest to the people, and Metro-area mayors have valuable insights to share. We welcome more opportunities for state partnership as the Legislature navigates this budget and prepares for a much-needed transportation investment package.

Sincerely,

Chair Lacey Batey, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium