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Senator Aaron Woods and Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chairs
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court Street, NE
Salem OR 97301

RE: SB 5541- Oregon Department of Transportation's Budget

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 5541. The City of Portland supports ODOT having the funds necessary to maintain and operate facilities. Oregon's transportation networks are deeply interconnected at the state, regional and local levels. Our ability to safely, effectively and efficiently meet the needs of Oregonians is dependent on the full functioning of all these networks. ODOT is an important partner for Portland, and our communities rely on ODOT's facilities.

ODOT and local jurisdictions face the same challenges as the buying power of the gas tax declines continually against inflation. Providing funding for ODOT and local jurisdictions is critical to shoring up the foundations of the transportation networks that keep Oregonians moving every day.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Priya Dhanapal.

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Millicent Williams, Director
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