



May 6, 2025

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez:

On behalf of **The Street Trust**, I am writing to express strong support for the request of \$50 million in state bonding for the Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project.

As a member of both the **TV Highway Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)** and **Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TPAC) at Oregon Metro**, and a longtime advocate for transportation justice in Washington County, The Street Trust has seen firsthand how deeply this corridor needs investment. TV Highway is one of the most dangerous and underserved major roadways in the region, with crash rates double the regional average and disproportionately high impacts on people walking and biking, especially among BIPOC and low-income residents.

This project directly aligns with The Street Trust's mission to advocate for a safe, accessible, and multimodal transportation system for all Oregonians. With Frequent Express (FX) bus service every 12 minutes, safer crossings, improved lighting, upgraded shelters, and real-time bus arrival information, the TV Highway BRT project will dramatically improve safety and transform the lives of families and workers who currently rely on walking, biking, and transit to get where they need to go.

Local governments have stepped up with \$100 million in commitments toward the total \$300 million project cost. With \$50 million from the state, Oregon can unlock \$150 million in federal funding to transform TV Highway from a deadly, car-centric corridor into a safe and efficient multimodal connector serving communities from Beaverton to Forest Grove.

We urge you to include this critical investment in the state's final budget and help deliver the infrastructure and dignity that these communities have been asking for—and deserve—for years.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Iannarone
Executive Director, The Street Trust

The Street Trust is a membership advocacy organization representing street users regardless of mode. We work to break political gridlock and win policy and investments that save lives, reduce barriers, and expand mobility and opportunities to the people and neighborhoods our current system neglects.