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I am a senior living in downtown Salem. I don't have a car and I get around the city by walking, taking the bus, or using a ride service like Lyft or Uber when the buses can't get me where I need to be in a timely way. When I think about what the legislature should focus on in this year's transportation package I think about the need to insure safety for those of us walking or biking around town - bike lanes and pedestrian paths that allow us to get from one place to another without risking being hit by cars or trucks speeding through town. I also think about the need to protect all of us from air pollution and its impact on the growing climate crisis. I also want to see investments in more frequent bus service and a system to travel between Salem and Portland that doesn't cost a fortune, protects the climate by decreasing car traffic on I-5. I hope legislators are serious about meeting Oregon's goals for reduction of climate damaging transportation. We need the legislature to invest in public options, instead of adding lanes to highways that just encourage more driving and therefore more air and water pollution.