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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Chairs Gorsek, Chair McLain, Vice Chair Starr, Vice Chair Boshart Davis, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment,

Thank you for your work on the Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (HB 2025). I feel that it is an excellent start, and I am in support.

I especially appreciate the proposed funding for wildlife crossings, Great Streets program, and Safe Routes to School program.

I also support increased oversight and accountability for ODOT, and increased funding from a variety of sources for the operation and maintenance of our existing infrastructure.

But I want to see these changes to the bill:

-- Increasing funding for the Oregon Community Paths program, electrification programs, and fully funding transit.

-- Investments in every part of Oregon (geographic equity). By directing a fair share of the funds to coastal, central, eastern and southern Oregonians, we create a better future for everyone.

HB 2025 is a great start, and with a few additional adjustments, this bill will deliver the balanced transportation system that Oregonians need and want.

Thank you, Michele McKay Bend, OR