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On Behalf Of:

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Greetings Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice Chairs Starr and 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 greatly appreciate the proposed funding for:

- *Wildlife Crossings (this can't come soon enough!)

- *Great Streets

- *Safe Routes to School

These investments improve the safety of our roadways for both motorists and wildlife and boost quality of life for all Oregonians.

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. (Ide

As a resident of Bend, I'd also like to see some changes so that this bill fully meets the needs of Central Oregon's communities:

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

- *Geographic equity, with investments in every part of Oregon. Costly road expansions in the Portland area demand trade-offs from funding for the rest of the state. By ensuring coastal, central, eastern and southern Oregonians have a fair share of the funds, we create a better future for everyone.

HB 2025 is an excellent start. With a few additional adjustments, this bill will deliver the balanced transportation system that Oregonians like me need and want. I urge you to pass a transportation package this session that delivers a safe, sustainable transportation system that offers Oregonians many options to get around.

Thank you for your work serving all Oregonians! And, thank you for your consideration of these comments!

All the best,
Lace Thornberg