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Oregon is in the midst of a housing crisis, and addressing it requires the infrastructure to support that housing. Dense, affordable housing cannot be successful without reliable, well-funded transit options. That's why this measure is so important. It provides the tools to help Oregon communities support more transit-oriented development, allowing us to grow in ways that reduce sprawl, lower household transportation costs, and increase access to jobs and opportunity.

Our current transportation system is under strain, and its funding mechanisms haven't kept pace with changing vehicle technology or population growth. If we want to meet our housing goals—especially in urban areas—we need to ensure that high-capacity transit can be part of the solution. Transit-oriented development only works when transit is frequent, reliable, and connected. This measure enables Oregon to build the kind of system that makes dense, affordable housing viable for more people.

Without a serious investment in transit and infrastructure, housing production will continue to fall short of what's needed, or will be forced to rely on car-dependent, sprawling models that are unaffordable and environmentally unsustainable. Oregon needs to move toward communities where people can live without needing to own a car. This measure helps make that shift possible and should be supported as part of a comprehensive strategy to address both our housing and climate goals.