

Submitter: David Lewis

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

My name is David Lewis], and I live inNorthwest Portland]. I'm here today to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community. Most people are not aware that fully 30% of the population cannot drive: they are too young, too old, disabled, too poor to own a car, etc.

Every day, I have to walk or bike along unsafe roads to get to where I want or need to go. We've had too many close calls, and my wife no longer feels safe riding a bicycle in town, forcing her to use a car, which is much more resource-intensive and often less pleasant, when she otherwise would not.

The Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs will make our streets safer for everyone, especially kids, elders, and people who don't drive.

Finally, while I fully support on-street safety investments, they often lead nowhere if we don't also fund off-street connections. That is why I urge you to include funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to create a complete and connected network. I urge you to support HB 2025 and fully fund these life-saving programs.

Sincerely,

David Lewis