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I am excited to see the progress made in the transportation package, HB 2025. It is a testament to the efforts of so many community members who came together to ensure we have a safe, clean, affordable transportation package. The bill includes significant funding for popular street safety programs which Oregonians have demanded.

However, funding for off-street networks and trails, which connect Oregonians to schools, work, and transit, are currently missing. This investment is critical for safety, access, and rural mobility.

Also, the package lacks clear investments which address climate change and air pollution. Without key climate investments, the package likely makes the climate crisis worse and risks increasing pollution, deaths, and injuries, while leaving our communities behind.

Lawmakers must address these pressing issues.