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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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I'm writing in tepid support of this measure.

Frustrations:

- I am disappointed that you are again giving ODOT a huge amount of money for highway expansion in a time of huge other fiscal needs. I feel that we should be maintaining our highway system and not expanding it.
- The Rose Quarter project specifically could save money by being right-sized (narrower and less space for future expansion) and this bill does not give any incentive for ODOT to cut costs on the highway widening. The caps will be good for our community if built right.
- The Interstate Bridge and other highway expansions seem to be hand-outs to consultants and are not meeting the moment on climate or other things.
- enshrining lane widths of 12 feet on certain roads may prevent some safety efforts in Portland - these encourage speeding and other ill effects for city life

Happy things:

- additional transit funding for Oregon
- funding for prosperous streets - this could mean improving our main streets across the state, but i am nervous about implementation.
- Safe Routes to School! keep giving this program more money

Please add:

- more support for the community paths program of off-street trails
- funding for local transportation departments. For example, streets across the state are full of low-quality pavement that the state gas tax could be helping to repave! Portland specifically is underfunding their road spend at north of \$1 Billion/year and I don't see this bill making a major dent there.

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