

Submitter: James Schiffer

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 Jim Schiffer and I live in Tigard. I'm here today to support House Bill 2025 because I want safer streets for my family and my community.

Every day, my child and I have to bike along unsafe roads to get to school, work, and to the store. We live in an area of Tigard that has walk/bike scores above 70, but the auto-focused conditions on our streets and roads make these trips very dangerous. We've had too many close calls.

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.

Jim Schiffer