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Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment 900 Court St., NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Co-chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Starr, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Heidi Lueb and I am the Mayor of the City of Tigard. I am here to testify in strong support of HB 2025.

The City of Tigard supports HB 2025 and the bold investment into the Great Streets Program. This program will improve safety and mobility for communities throughout Oregon by supporting the funding and transfer of roadways. These urban arterials aren't receiving the attention and investments needed due to state constraints. In many cases local jurisdictions are better positioned to maintain them over the long term and deliver on our community's vision for safe travel.

A prime example is SW Hall Boulevard, which is a priority high-injury and high-risk roadway that goes through Tigard. While the City is dedicated to achieving zero fatalities on our roadways within a decade, Hall Boulevard, is currently managed and maintained by the state. This limits our ability to use Safe Streets solutions and Safe Routes to Schools to improve the experience and outcomes for our community members.

Tigard was a successful applicant of the state's new jurisdictional transfer review process, receiving unanimous support of our project request from the Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee. We are positioned to take over the roadway and future maintenance if HB 2025 is advanced with bold investments in the Great Streets program.

We appreciate the clarity, predictability, and fair objective criteria for prioritization reflected in the package. With HB 2025, jurisdictional transfers have a clear path to be funded now and into the future so that the vital safety and mobility improvements can be made based on the unique needs of the communities that are impacted by them daily.

Funding for Jurisdictional Transfers activates our workers, supports local businesses, and transforms downtowns into vibrant main streets. These more connected communities emerge from a past of unsafe urban arterials.

The City of Tigard also supports the continued 50/30/20 split from the State Highway Fund, giving counties 30% and cities 20% of new transportation revenue to address our local transportation needs.

We appreciate the hard work and coordination put in developing this package to ensure our transportation facilities are safe, maintained, and provide needed service to our communities for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Heidi Lueb City of Tigard