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?Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment:

My name is Laurie Dougherty and I live in Salem, near downtown. While the Transportation Package needs more emphasis on climate change to provide what Oregon needs, I want to speak in favor of the multi modal opportunities that HB 2025 does offer.

I will be 80 years old next month. I do not have a car. I walk and take public transit to do errands, attend meetings and appointments, socialize with friends, and stroll in local parks. I walked here today. I take Amtrak to go to Portland and Eugene and have traveled all over the country by train several times. This is how I stay active and independent.

The quality and safety of infrastructure for public transit and active mobility options are very important for me and many others who, for a variety of reasons, need or choose to get around without a motor vehicle.

As a long time climate justice activist, I am well aware of the necessity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollution from fossil-fuel-powered vehicles. This is the larger context in which we must have adequate and stable funding for public transit and active mobility options. Oregon has undertaken a number of policies and programs toward achieving climate and environmental protection goals. Safe and well maintained infrastructure like good sidewalks, protected bike lanes, traffic calming, carefully designed streets and intersections along with programs like Safe Routes to School, Great Streets and lower speed limits enable people to reduce motor vehicle use with confidence. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.