

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee:

My name is Aidan Foster-Green, and I live in Eugene. I'm testifying today because I want to see a 2025 transportation package that works for the benefit of ALL Oregonians, not just now but in the future, and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience. In particular, I urge you to consider greater funding for electrification and public transportation. I believe that modest investment in bike accessibility, passenger rail, improving existing bus networks and electric car infrastructure can provide a greater benefit to all Oregonians than if that same money were simply applied to maintaining existing infrastructure. With this bill - and with everything we do - we should strive to not just maintain the status quo, but work towards building a better Oregon for all of us to live in.

I believe it is essential to pass a transportation package that prioritizes the environment and public health, while still allowing people to get where they need to go. I hope that you all will remember my testimony, and the wellbeing of all my fellow Oregonians, when making your decision on this issue.