

Submitter: Gavin Mahaley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gavin Mahaley, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing today to urge you to support the amended HB 2025, as submitted by Co-Chair Gorsek, which would increase investment in Oregon Community Paths by creating a 4% luxury vehicle tax on vehicles costing more than \$75,000.

As the Communications and Development Director of the Salmonberry Trail Foundation, I've seen firsthand how off-street paths can transform communities.

More than 80% of Oregonians report using local trails or off-street paths, and there is broad public support for investing in this infrastructure. Oregon Community Paths helps ensure safer, healthier options for getting around—especially for people walking or biking on rural or high-traffic roads where no sidewalks exist.

These investments also generate strong returns: trails support tourism, small businesses, and livability. The Oregon Community Paths program is one of the few ways small towns and nonprofits can match federal dollars to build these long-term assets. Yet the program is oversubscribed four to one.

Please support this important amendment to HB 2025 and dedicate a small portion of new transportation revenue to this proven, high-impact program.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,  
Gavin Mahaley  
Portland, Oregon