

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members.

My name is Wilmer Gutierrez, a resident of the Aloha community. I am testifying today because I support a 2025 transportation package that works for ALL Oregonians and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience.

I share my concern, and that of many residents and visitors in our area, regarding the lack of clear signage at the entrances and exits of local food courts.

On weekends, many people visit these spaces to enjoy the food and community atmosphere. However, it has become evident that there is no adequate signage distinguishing between vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress areas, which has led to confusion, traffic blockages, and, in some cases, dangerous situations for pedestrians and drivers.

This problem is exacerbated when there are large crowds or families with young children. The lack of visible signs, horizontal markings, or demarcation markers at access points creates clutter, inconvenience, and potential accident risks.

Furthermore, some access points lack sufficient lighting and accessible ramps for people with reduced mobility.

There is also a dangerous curve on the route from Beaverton to Aloha, specifically at the intersection of SW 185th Ave and SW Rigert Rd. This curve has a very sharp angle and is on an upward slope, making maneuvering even more difficult.

Currently, it lacks sharp curve markings and adequate lighting, which exacerbates the risk, especially at night. Due to the lack of visibility and the narrowness of the turn, vehicles tend to invade the oncoming lane, significantly increasing the risk of collisions.

For these reasons, it is recommended that road structure modifications and the implementation of safety measures be considered to prevent future accidents.

I propose that a budget be evaluated and allocated to implement clear, visible, and safe road markings in these spaces, including "Entrance" and "Exit" signs, pedestrian guidance, adequate lighting, and designated loading and unloading zones. This will not only improve traffic flow but also provide safety for all involved.

As a citizen committed to the orderly development of our community, the lack of safe streets and paths disproportionately harms people who are forced to walk, bike, skate, or use public transportation, leaving them without access to jobs, education, healthcare, and food.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this situation and hope you can make the best decision for all of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Wilmer Gutierrez