

Submitter: Moth Gillies

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Oregon Transportation Committee:

My name is Moth Gillies, and I live in Oregon City.

I am testifying because I have wishes for the future of transportation in Oregon as a whole, especially when it comes to the issues of equity, safety, and availability.

Oregon's transport options for long distance travel are limited, and pedestrians can barely commute in certain communities because of a lack of consistent sidewalks on busy streets.

The price of sidewalk projects and long distance rail are much lower than the amount of throughput they can have, especially compared to cars, all while being better for the environment and low income communities.

A transportation package should focus a non insignificant portion of its budget on:

- Public transit
- Road safety
- Funding for rail projects

As a person who doesn't own a car, navigating the greater Portland area via Trimet is very easy, especially compared to other transit networks.

However, it is difficult to get to other major cities, like Salem, without a car. The Amtrak Cascades could take me, but that only comes twice a day, in the morning and evening.

Walking around my local area is also somewhat difficult, due to the fact I live on a street that is not only on a curved hill, but lacks consistent sidewalks outside.

If I want to leave the house on foot and go downtown, there are a few corners where there is no sidewalk, on a sharp turn, where the speed is not enforced as it should be, in a residential district.

All of this means that you should:

Fund safer roads and sidewalks

Improve intercity public transit via non car options.

As an Oregonian, I urge you to fund projects that improve the safety and availability of non car options for everyone all across Oregon.

Sincerely,

Moth Gillies
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