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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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Dear Senators,

Parking in Bend has become nearly impossible, and it's clear that we need better public transportation. I want to be able to go to the river with my friends without stressing over where to park. More importantly, I want to move through my day knowing I can get home safely and easily—without needing to rely on a car that's becoming less dependable by the day.

Right now, Bend isn't a walkable or bike-friendly city—unless you live in wealthier neighborhoods like NW Bend. For those of us who don't, it feels like we're being left behind. My car is on its last leg, and with winter approaching, I'm seriously worried about how I'll get to work if it breaks down.

Not everyone in Bend is wealthy. Many of us have lived here for decades, and we can't afford to live near downtown or pay for constant car repairs. We need public transportation that is reliable, frequent, and affordable—something we can count on. Buses that actually get people where they need to go, when they need to get there.

People are going to keep moving to Bend, but we need to make sure the people already here aren't being pushed out or left behind. Please prioritize a public transportation system that serves everyone—not just those who can afford to drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All my best,
Mary Pantenburg