

June 12, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Tualatin, we are testifying in support of the increased transportation funding outlined in HB 2025. Specifically, we want to emphasize the importance of retaining the 50-30-20 revenue sharing formula from the State Highway Trust Fund. This revenue source provides critical funding for cities and counties, which is necessary to maintain safe and reliable roads, sidewalks, and bike facilities.

Furthermore, we have paid close attention to the status of the State's fuel tax and are concerned that this funding source is no longer adequate to keep up with our road system maintenance. Tualatin is soon reaching the point where gas tax revenue can only pay for our relatively small street crew, with no money remaining for critical needs like paving, traffic, or safety improvements. Without sufficient funding, the City will struggle to maintain our transportation infrastructure, threatening the safety of users of our system and our local economy. We strongly support the proposed revenue mechanisms in HB 2025 aimed at bolstering the State Highway Fund. This will ensure that we can continue funding the maintenance and safety improvements our residents depend on.

We also support the increased investment in public transit, which is very much needed in our part of the Portland Metropolitan region. Finally, we support the proposed increased accountability for ODOT.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide written testimony. Sincerely,

Mayor Frank Bubenik, City of Tualatin