

Submitter: Renee McCann  
On Behalf Of: Rogue Valley Transportation District  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025  
June 13, 2025

Testimony on the Importance of Public Transportation.

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

My name is Renee McCann, and I'm here to express my strong support for public transportation and its vital role in creating a more equitable, sustainable, and connected community.

Public transportation is more than just a convenience — it is a lifeline for many individuals, including seniors, people with disabilities, low-income families, and those without access to a private vehicle. It is their only reliable way to get to work, school, medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, and community services. It ensures that no one is left behind simply because they cannot drive or afford a car.

Beyond personal mobility, public transportation contributes significantly to environmental sustainability by reducing the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road, it lowers greenhouse gas emissions, improves air quality, and helps mitigate traffic congestion.

With this, it would highly impact our community with no or little public transportation being available. This would leave our community stranded from being able to get to their much-needed jobs, schools, medical appointments, grocery stores, and socialization.

I urge continued investment in and support for public transportation systems. Public transportation benefits everyone!

Sincerely

Renee' McCann