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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Please support and fully fund HB2025 and insure Oregon has safe and modern transportation infrastructure. Some key reasons we need to have full funding is that:

-We need robust investments in programs that create safer streets for all road users.

This includes fully funding Safe Routes to School and the Great Streets program.

Corvallis currently has a strong bike safety program because of this funding and network of support through organizations like ODOT sponsored Safe Routes to School hubs and Cycle OR. If all residence in OR were able to develop similar programs, we'd have healthier and more equitable communities.

-We need to fund public transit at a level that transit agencies can maintain and grow their service. Corvallis has a strong and FREE public transit that is one of our great public resources that makes our city accessible for all and insures independence is within reach for the old and young who may not have the ability to transport themselves. It'd be amazing if this were true throughout the state!

-We need to ensure that revenue raised for transportation maintains flexibility so that it can be spent on more things than just highway projects.

-We need to ensure that ODOT is held accountable for their mega projects and freeway expansions by putting in place tools that accurately show the cost, climate impacts, and expected driving behavior changes (like "vehicle miles traveled" modeling) of these projects.

-We need an addition to HB 2025 that includes funding for the Oregon Community Paths program to help fill in missing off-street connections for active and alternative transportation users.

-We need to modify Section 160. Motor vehicle traffic lanes through towns and cities should not have a mandated minimum width of 12 feet. It has been found that the number of crashes on a street with 12-foot lanes is significantly higher than on streets with narrower lanes.

Thanks,

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