



June 12, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2025 – Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package

Dear Co-Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Hillsboro, I write in support of HB 2025, which provides a comprehensive approach to address the critical transportation infrastructure needs of our rapidly growing community and the state at large. With that support, we encourage the Legislature to consider how new and increased taxes and fees could affect Oregon households and businesses.

Oregon's transportation system is underfunded and overdue for a foundational restructuring to address overreliance on gas taxes that continue to fall behind the rising cost of transportation infrastructure. We applaud the commitment in the bill to maintain the 50-30-20 funding allocation for the state highway fund. The majority of Oregon's roads—nearly 43,000 miles—are city and county roads, essential to everyday mobility, housing production, local economies, and public safety.

The City of Hillsboro owns and maintains more than 260 miles of roadway. HB 2025 ensures that cities like Hillsboro receive essential funding to maintain and improve these roadways. The bill's emphasis on safety investments will help reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries, aligning with our city's commitment to Vision Zero initiatives. HB 2025 also meaningfully increases funding for transit, a vital link in our transportation system for Hillsboro residents to access jobs, school, medical appointments, grocery stores, community centers, and family.

Hillsboro's strong industrial base—with Intel and others—relies on efficient access to highways, transit, airports, and local roads. The City is also actively supporting housing production to address Oregon's housing crisis and is projected to welcome up to 20,000 new residents over the next 25 years. But this growth depends on a safe and reliable transportation system. Hillsboro's local transportation system, like all cities across Oregon, needs a package like HB 2025 to ensure ongoing infrastructure capacity for housing production, job creation, workforce access, and long-term livability.

Thank you for your leadership and the hard work that has led to HB 2025. We know you have some tough decisions ahead, however we cannot emphasize the importance of this package enough. HB 2025 is not just a state transportation package—it's a multi-jurisdictional solution that enhances connectivity, equity, and economic vitality for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mayor Beach Pace