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My name is Lucy and I live in Portland. I am part of Oregon's 30% that don't drive. I bike, walk or take transit to get everywhere. And every time I get on my bike, I think about my safety. I have already been hit by cars twice while commuting, and the bike lanes and roads have only gotten more dangerous! Cars are driving more recklessly and faster, while our pedestrian infrastructure falls into disrepair. I am asking that you fully fund public transit, passenger rail, Great Streets, Safe Routes to School, and Oregon Community Paths.

Safety and reducing climate change should be our top transportation priorities. Investments in ADA-compliant sidewalks, off-street paths, and protected bike lanes ease traffic and improve safety for everyone, including drivers. Oregon lacks sufficient intercity transportation options. By investing in passenger rail, we increase accessibility between cities and give Oregonians more choice in how they move. This in turn lowers people's reliance on single occupancy vehicles, and helps us hit our climate goals.

Please also fund maintenance to our infrastructure before putting more and more into expensive highway expansion projects in Portland. Large-scale and costly road expansions in the Portland area demand trade-offs from funding for the rest of the state. By ensuring coastal, central, eastern and southern Oregonians have a fair share of the funds, we create a better future for everyone.

Please pass a transportation package that moves Oregon forward - towards safer, more resilient, and sustainable transportation. Thank you!