



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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2025 on behalf of the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter, an organization committed to a just transition to clean energy energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, building green communities, and a fair, representative democracy.

We join with other [Oregonians from across the state](#) in encouraging a transportation package that prioritizes

- maintenance,
- public transit,
- improved routes and safety for pedestrians, bicycles and mobility devices, and
- mitigating both the climate crisis and health-harming pollution by decreasing vehicle miles traveled and facilitating vehicle electrification.

We thank you for heeding community needs in making sure that public transit service across Oregon can be maintained and that Great Streets and Safe Routes to School are funded.

We urge you make amendments to the bill to

- Remove highway widening – which not only is extremely expensive but [increases vehicle miles traveled and pollution](#)– from major projects
- Add investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and e-bike rebates.
 - More accessible charging infrastructure is a necessity for the transition to clean transportation. Being able to commute on an e-bike can unlock health improvements and cost savings for individuals and families while reducing road maintenance costs via [reduced road damage](#).
- Revise the road user charge strategy and other vehicle fees to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles rather than impede it.
- Add funding for the Oregon Community Paths program while maintaining the proposed funding for Great Streets, Safe Routes to School, and public transportation.

Thank you for your work on this bill and for your consideration,

Amanda Duncan

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About The Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. climaterealitypdx.com/, www.climaterealityproject.org