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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee:

My name is Jason Nolin and this public comment is mine alone. I'm testifying today because I support a 2025 transportation package that works for ALL Oregonians and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience. In particular, I urge you to increase funding for transit and safety, and to dramatically reduce spending on freeway megaprojects.

Oregon's communities need a better transportation system that is healthy, affordable, and safe. Imagine an Oregon where public transit gets you where you want to go faster than driving. Relatively small investments now can have huge payouts in getting all Oregonians where they need to go while improving our economy, environment, and public health.

It's essential to pass a transportation package that invests deeply in transit to advance our climate goals, improve safety, and expand mobility for our communities.

I travel by transit, biking, or walking. I do not drive. Oregon residents like me deserve safe and dignified options to travel. We need better transit and safer streets so people can travel easily without a car and without fear of being murdered by a person driving. Oregon needs transportation options that are low carbon and resilient for the heat events and storms all the burnt fossil fuels have brought us already. We need to stop spending on freeway megaprojects that will lock us into decades more of carbon-intensive, loud, polluting, inefficient transportation and instead spend that money on generational improvements to transit and safety.

New dollars must be prioritized to meet our safety, climate, and mobility needs. If we're going to ask Oregonians to pay more, we have an obligation to put their dollars to work for the future.

That means improving health and safety by funding popular but underfunded programs like Safe Routes to School, Great Streets, and Oregon Community Paths. It means saving Oregonians money by expanding safe streets, public transit and passenger rail that helps us save on gas, parking, and car maintenance.

We can't afford to wait. Let's build a future where every Oregonian has access to safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation options. I urge you to pass a

transportation package this session that moves Oregon forward.

Sincerely,  
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