

June 13, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment Senator Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: H.B. 2025, Relating to transportation; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

Hearing, Wednesday, June 11, regarding rail, public transit, safety, and active transportation (bike/ped/roll)

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

Rails to Trails Conservancy is the nation's leading trails organization, building a nation connected by trails. RTC reimagines public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors. RTC, representing 3,800 members and supporters in Oregon, also has a Western Regional Office whose territory includes Oregon.

RTC supports a transportation funding package that provides safe, reliable transportation options for Oregonians who use all modes of transportation – including trails, biking, walking, and rolling. After initial disappointment at the lack of new funding for trails in the initial draft of this bill released earlier this week, RTC is pleased to support the amendment to H.B. 2025 filed by Senator Gorsek, that would dedicate funding from a luxury vehicle tax in part to Oregon Community Paths (trails).

RTC also supports funding in the budget bill for biking, walking and safety programs – including Safe Routes to School and Great Streets – and other multimodal transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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