



# Hood River County Board of Commissioners

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### Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment

Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment;

On behalf of Hood River County, we urge your support for the 2025 Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP).

Several important and consistent points came out during the testimony, to which we had two staff members available in person:

- Maintain what we have. Hood River County's current road funding is not maintaining the basics as laid out in the one-pager for HB 2025. Let's get back to basics.
- Formula funding, the 50-30-20 split provides consistent funding that allows small counties like ours to compete and plan for match for potential grant sources
- Our County has responded as a partner to the State in order to build what we can:
  - Your assistance with the Hood River White Salmon Bridge is critical
  - The City of Hood River offered you an example of clearing out red tape by advocating for a jurisdictional transfer, which we support

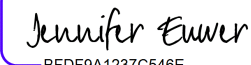
Let's talk basics: The roadway system in Hood River County includes a network that accesses homes, businesses, local agriculture, farm-to-market, and heavy tourism and many second homes where vehicle fees are paid elsewhere. In Hood River County, we have significant trucking to support local farms and businesses driving our local economy. Those trucks share the roads with a robust bike population facilitated by our Safe Routes to School program with minimal infrastructure. Our County roads are vital to our economy, public safety, and quality of life.

Current funding levels for Hood River County are inadequate, and significant cuts have already been made. Declining fuel consumption and increasing costs require Hood River County to use over 20% of our reserve funding in the next fiscal year to maintain less-than-basic roadway conditions.

We thank the Joint Committee on Transportation for your diligent work, and we urge you and the Legislature to pass a comprehensive transportation package this session that preserves the 30% share

of the State Highway funds for counties, modernizes revenue sources, and stabilizes long-term funding. These investments will help ensure that every Oregonian – including those residing and recreating in Hood River County – has access to safe roads, reliable bridges and culverts, adequate signage, and well-maintained infrastructure for years to come.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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Jennifer Euwer

Hood River County Commission Chair