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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2025, the Transportation Reinvestment Package. The funding from this package is essential for public transportation users like myself who rely on Trimet as our primary source of transportation in the Portland area. Our stressed economy and stressed infrastructure cannot take any more tortured efforts to accommodate more privately owned vehicles, especially when those vehicles 1) demand eternally increasing costs to acquire, maintain, insure, and park, 2) lead to urban design which is hostile to bike riders and pedestrians, 3) increase our traffic, associated vehicle accidents, and pedestrian injuries and fatalities, and 4) negatively impact our air and environmental quality while the planet is already undergoing devastating damage. Oregon lawmakers must unanimously shift their visions of our collective future to include increased access to more affordable and sustainable transportation options, and all future transportation decisions for Oregon must include bolstering public transit.

Thank you,
Jae Embs