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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

I write in support of HB 2025 -

Dear members of the committee.

Thank you for your work on the Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (HB 2025).

I urge you to pass a transportation package this session that delivers a safe, sustainable transportation system that offers Oregonians many options to get around. HB 2025 is an excellent start.

I appreciate and strongly support the proposed funding for:

Wildlife Crossings

Great Streets program, and

Safe Routes to School program.

These investments improve the safety of our roadways for both motorists and wildlife and boost quality of life for all Oregonians. I can personally attest to the impact of Oregon's first wildlife underpass near my home in Sunriver. The drop in road kill has been documented by researchers and is so important. Oregon is way behind our neighbor states in the west in including these extremely important safe access points for wildlife whose migration paths we have dissected with our roadways.

I also support increased funding from a variety of sources for the operation and maintenance of our existing infrastructure and increasing funding for the Oregon Community Paths program, electrification programs, and fully funding transit.

Also, please keep in mind that large-scale and costly road expansions in the Portland area demand trade-offs from funding for the rest of the state. By ensuring coastal, central, eastern and southern Oregonians have a fair share of the funds, we create a better future for everyone.

With access to safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation options, Oregon communities can thrive. HB 2025 is a solid map to help us navigate our way there. With a few additional adjustments, this bill will deliver the balanced transportation

system that Oregonians need and want.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your work to deliver a safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation future for all.

Sincerely,

Tom Kelley