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Rep. Susan McLain, Cochair
Sen. Chris Gorsek, Cochair
Joint Committee on Transportation ReInvestment

RE: HB 2025

Cochairs McLain and Gorsek, for the record, my name is Joseph Moore and I am an Engineering and Surveying technician for Benton County Public Works and the chief steward of AFSCME Local 2064. My position is entirely funded through the gas tax. I am here today to speak on the importance of the 50/ 30 /20 transportation revenue funding formula. Changes to the 50/30/20 split will negatively impact departments like mine across the state, and our ability to ensure safe travel to critical services for average commuters. Preserving the 50/30/20 split will not only protect the safety and livelihood of countless hardworking Oregonians, it will support average commuters as they live full lives and support Oregon's community's economies.

I have been with Benton County for 6 years now and, for the first time in my career, we are in a hiring freeze, through the next biennium, due to the federal funding issues. Our road crew is already 2 positions short and any further cuts will only cause more harm. Crew staffing will be cut which will lead to unsafe working conditions. You may not know that currently, if an accident or some other incident like a flood or landslide occurs through the night, we may be dispatched individually to address the issue. This working reality is already concerning, protecting the 50/30/20 will better ensure that there are no additional safety concerns for our team and all of the communities we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.
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