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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 Susan Allen, representing Oregon AFSCME's 40,000 workers statewide, including the hard-working city and county employees who support the transportation needs of commuters throughout the state.

Please preserve the 50/30/20 split to not only protect the safety and livelihood of countless hardworking Oregonians, but it will also support average commuters as they live full lives and support Oregon's community's economies.

A transportation package is vital for Oregon's communities. You may not know that currently, if an accident or some other incident like a flood or landslide occurs through the night, our workers 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 the communities we serve.

Counties and cities are responsible for the largest share of Oregon's center lane road miles – 44,265 miles, 55% of all roads in Oregon, and over 80% of non-federal roads.

Facing challenges from inflation, declining fuel consumption, reductions in federal funding, and limited local revenue raising options, cities and counties across Oregon have had to postpone crucial safety upgrades and routine maintenance, leading to a decline in road quality and safety.

Recall that:

- 40% of city streets are in poor or very poor condition.
- Nearly 70% of county bridges are in fair or poor condition.

House Bill 2025 focuses funding on safety and maintenance across the shared transportation system. Investments will be seen in every community, retaining our skilled workforce who protect our neighbors and loved ones.

HB 2025 is important for the ongoing safety of Oregon's communities to ensure that we protect from maintenance crew layoffs, ongoing unfixed potholes, broken guard rails, inaccessible sidewalks, unmanaged vegetation, unsafe intersections. Oregon's communities have crumbling and load-rated bridges that need attention now! We are very concerned that there will be lengthier emergency response routes, longer wait times for traffic crash clearance, and delayed winter storm response. The bottom line is that Oregonians need to depend on safe, accessible access to their medical appointments, schools, and work - whether you live in Corvallis or Pendleton, Astoria or Ashland.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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