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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee,

I'm writing today to urge you to pass a transportation package that truly serves all Oregonians by prioritizing safety, sustainability, and equitable access—especially for Oregonians who would like to walk, bike, and ride transit for some of their trips.

In the past year, a member of my family and I were injured while bicycling—hit by dangerous drivers in a system that is failing us. Oregon's current transportation system enables escalating traffic violence, discourages personal responsibility, and actively deters healthy, low-cost mobility choices like biking. We need serious change—not more of the same car-centric spending.

Oregon's 2025 transportation package must fully fund Safe Routes to School, Oregon Community Paths, and Great Streets. These programs aren't optional—they are the foundation for a safer, more resilient future:

Safe Routes to School helps kids get to school safely and confidently. The growing Bike Bus movement is a joyful example of what's possible when we invest in safe, community-supported ways for children to travel independently.

Oregon Community Paths funds off-street trails where people of all ages can enjoy walking or riding a bike away from traffic, reducing injuries and encouraging healthy, car-free travel.

Great Streets saves lives by transforming dangerous roads into places where people can safely bike, walk, or roll—whether commuting, running errands, or just enjoying their neighborhood.

We can't keep spending billions on highway mega-projects while people are being hurt and killed on local streets. If we are asking Oregonians to pay more, we must spend those dollars on solutions that actually save lives, cut pollution, and support our communities.

Please pass a package that puts people before pavement.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Kuehn