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Co-Chairs Pham and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis, and members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the Transportation Package. As a 26-year-old resident of Portland, a public sector employee, and a frequent multimodal user of the transportation network, I strongly support HB 2025-A28. Our transportation system is in dire need of additional investment at the state and local levels, with ODOT facing hundreds of layoffs and both counties and cities having hundreds of millions in needs. This bill would provide significant funding for roads as well as transit, bike and pedestrian trails, and great but oversubscribed grant programs in Great Streets and Safe Routes to School. Moreover, it represents a compromise from the initial version of HB 2025 by lowering a significant amount of fee increases and removing the controversial transfer tax (sales tax) while still requiring accountability for ODOT. The small cost increase for Oregonians will be greatly outweighed by the significant benefits for the transportation system and I urge you to pass HB 2025-A28.