



Testimony by City of Wilsonville Mayor Shawn O'Neil - TRIP 2025 Omnibus Transportation Bill, HB 2025 -28 amendment:

Reinvesting in Oregon's Transportation System

Scheduled for public hearing on June 26, 2025,
before the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment

Co-Chairs McLain and Pham, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart-Davis and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment:

The City of Wilsonville supports the -28 Amendments to HB 2025 and requests a Do Pass recommendation.

As we have previously stated in testimony on HB 2025, we support efforts of the Oregon Legislature to raise needed revenue sources for the State Highway Fund. We support the 50-30-20 allocation of these revenues to ODOT, counties and cities for the correct funding of our state highway system operations and maintenance. We believe that the provisions of -28 Amendment accomplish these objectives.

We suggest **the addition of the I-5 Boone Bridge to the 'anchor projects' in Section 120 (3)(c) on page 109 of the -28 Amendment.** Replacement of the I-5 Boone Bridge is necessary to bring this critical facility up to seismic standards and to assure resilience in a major earthquake or other natural disaster.

We strongly support these three other sections of the -28 Amendment:

1) Section 176, Page 152 — 'Capacity expansion project'

We urge the study of expanding capacity on I-5 between the I-205 Interchange and the Donald/Aurora Exit. This often congested area needs special planning and design attention as designated in this section of the amendment.

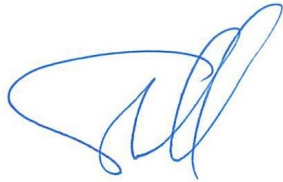
2) Section 178, Page 153 — Westside Express Service study

We have advocated for a study of intercity commuter rail between Beaverton and Salem for three legislative sessions. Now is the time to conduct this study to determine how best to efficiently move passengers and freight along the congested I-5 corridor in the Northern Willamette Valley. We strongly support this study and are pleased to work with other jurisdictions and transit districts to refine the planning for future commuter rail to connect the cities along this rail corridor.

3) Section 183, Page 154 — Rail Transportation Study

We appreciate the vision and potential of this section to plan for statewide commuter rail expansion in a thoughtful and organized way. It is not too soon to be looking at alternatives to the finite capacity of the interstate highway system and plan for future modes of transportation to meet the needs of Oregonians.

We thank the members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment for hearing our concerns and suggestions for meeting the needs of our state and keeping Oregon moving through more efficient and cost-effective policies and planning.



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