



June 27, 2025

RE: Strongly Oppose HB 3402 – Oregon Needs a Real Transportation Package

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of The Street Trust and the communities we serve across Oregon, I write to express our strong opposition to HB 3402 as currently proposed.

For the past 18 months, we worked in good faith with lawmakers, agencies, and advocates to shape a transportation funding package that reflects the values and needs of Oregonians, one that invests in safety first, high-quality transit service, and sustains city and county transportation operations.

HB 3402 keeps the lights on at ODOT while turning them off for everyone else.

This is not a transportation package. It is a desperate procedural maneuver that prioritizes a single agency's short term needs over the public good - jeopardizing safety, mobility access, and equity. It does nothing to address the rising traffic violence on our streets, the erosion of critical transit lifelines, or the lack of safe infrastructure for people walking, biking, rolling, and relying on public transportation.

HB 3402 is bad for Oregon: transit and active transportation in this state will be devastated by cuts.

This proposal raises fuel taxes and vehicle fees, yet fails to deliver meaningful investments where they are most needed. It cuts safety funding in the middle of a traffic fatalities epidemic, leaves workers and students stranded, and leaves cities and counties in the lurch, struggling to balance their local budgets.

Let's be clear: HB 3402 is deadly and will cost lives. From 2021 to 2023, Oregon reported **1,789 traffic deaths** and **9,517 serious injuries**, a staggering spike since the pandemic. Compared to pre-2020 averages, **fatalities have increased by 33 percent** and **serious injuries by 82 percent**. This is not a future threat. It is a present-day public health crisis. Families will be forever changed when their loved

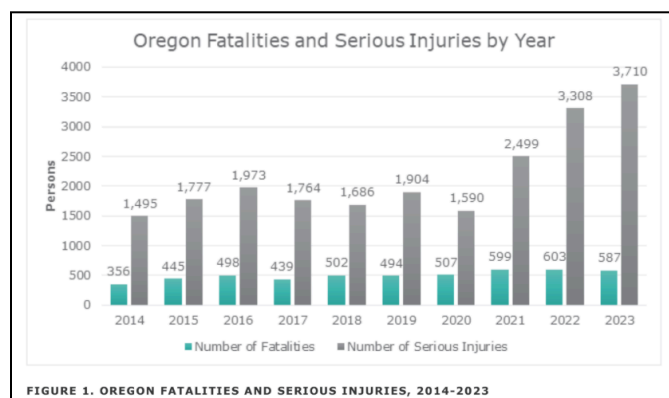


FIGURE 1. OREGON FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES, 2014-2023

ones are killed on dangerous roads that could have been fixed. The financial toll of traffic crashes on households and our healthcare system is devastating.

If the goal is to protect ODOT jobs and operations, then lawmakers must pass a real transportation package – **HB 2025 -28** – that meets the needs of all Oregonians, not just the needs of one department. **We urge you to reject HB 3402 unless and until it includes:**

- **Dedicated funding for safety programs such as Great Streets, Safe Routes to School, and Oregon Community Paths**
- **Stable, adequate investment in public transit**
- **Meaningful support for city and county infrastructure and maintenance**

The people of Oregon deserve more than a last-minute compromise that sells them short. We will continue to advocate for a transportation system that puts people first, one that is safe, accessible, affordable, and just.

Sincerely,

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