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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3402

Dear House Rules Committee Chair, Vice Chairs and Members,

I urge you to energetically support HB 2025 -28A and strongly oppose HB 3402. Funding for ODOT alone as stipulated by HB 3402 will threaten city and county employees' jobs, repairs to enhance safety for our streets and maintenance of transit services.

Please act on behalf of constituents all over Oregon who have indicated, through public comment and on the listening tour, that critical safety improvements and investments in transit services are at the top of their wish list. We need to protect people walking, biking, and driving on Oregon's roads. Safety investments are urgently needed to reduce crashes and save lives, especially in communities that have been historically under-served.

Likewise, public transit is essential for frontline communities, including low-income, Black, Indigenous, and disabled Oregonians who depend on it for work, school, or the doctor. Failing to fund it in this package means cuts to transit jobs and positions, and will result in our communities being cut off from affordable ways to get around. Not everyone can afford a car.

Fair funding is critical, especially as the wealth gap steadily widens and families face rising costs for groceries, housing, and healthcare. Without fair funding, the burden falls unfairly on everyday Oregonians, not on those who can afford to pay more.

HB 3402 will not meet the needs of too many working Oregonians and those who seek work or cannot work. Please oppose HB 3402 and rally support for HB 2025 - 28A.

Thank you.