

June 27, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
Re: HB 3402 - Public Comment



Dear Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazan and Pham, and members of the committee,

My name is Mackenzie Springer, and I'm the Transportation Advocacy Manager at Neighbors for Clean Air, a statewide organization that works to ensure that every Oregonian has clean and healthy air to breathe, and a member of the Move Oregon Forward campaign. I am writing in strong opposition to HB 3402 as amended.

Transportation is the largest source of air pollution in Oregon, and yet HB 3402 completely fails to address it. There is no investment in transit, in electrification, in pedestrian or bicycle infrastructure, or in strategies to reduce the freight and delivery emissions that are rising fast in our communities. Instead, this bill doubles down on the status quo at a time when bold action is needed to protect public health and meet our climate goals.

Oregonians are rightfully concerned about the rising costs of transportation. But this bill exacerbates this problem rather than creating a solution. This bill increases taxes on working families and drivers, without delivering any of the cleaner, safer, or healthier transportation options they've been asking for. HB 3402 imposes new burdens while ignoring the harms caused by car dependency and poor air quality. That's a bad deal for the people of Oregon.

HB 2025 -28A, while not perfect, is a compromise that at least reflects a broader vision—one that includes investment in transit, safety, and emissions reduction. HB 3402, by contrast, is a short-sighted bailout for ODOT that ignores the environmental and health consequences of continuing down the same path.

While maintaining essential ODOT staffing is critical, we can't overlook the equally vital roles of workers at cities, counties, and transit agencies. If the intent of HB 3402 is to keep our transportation system running, it falls far short.

We urge you to reject HB 3402 and demand a transportation measure that centers a multi-modal transportation system that supports clean air and community well-being, rather than one that undermines it.

Sincerely,
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