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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3402

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

I implore you to vote NO on either amendment of HB 3402.

Both amendments would be highly inequitable and fund only highway projects while leaving cities and counties, and everyday families in the lurch.

We need to keep the buses and trains running and we need safe streets for people to bicycle and walk on. Kids and adults trying to get to school and work, the grocery store or the doctor's office, have to traverse their neighborhood streets and not die doing it.

Maintenance, safety, and the ability for the 30% of Oregonians who don't drive to get where they need to go is many times more important than major highway widening projects.

Also, HB 3402 would eliminate local maintenance jobs and public transit jobs. So another reason to vote NO on HB 3402 is to preserve those jobs in your districts, and keep the economy stronger.

While HB 2025 is far from perfect, it at least would keep transit running and local roads safe and accessible.

Please vote NO on both the -3 or -4 amendment of HB3402,

hold your nose and pass HB 2025, and then come back next year and fix it.