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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3402

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I'm writing today to express my opposition to HB 3402 as amended (-3) and to urge your support for HB 2025 with the -28 amendment.

HB 3402 is not a balanced transportation package—it's a short-term fix that prioritizes one agency's operating needs while leaving critical community infrastructure behind. It allocates no funding for public transit, safety improvements, local roads, or climate mitigation. At a time when Oregonians are asking for safer streets, better bus service, and more equitable access to mobility, this proposal offers little in return for the gas tax and fee increases it imposes.

The process behind HB 3402 has also raised concerns. After a year of public engagement and coalition work, it's disheartening to see a bill emerge that ignores that input and moves forward without a full picture of statewide needs.

HB 2025 with the -28 amendment is far from perfect, but it reflects broader collaboration and addresses a wider range of community priorities. It acknowledges the need to stabilize ODOT while also investing in the systems that people across Oregon rely on every day—sidewalks, local roads, and public transit.

We can and must do better than HB 3402. Our transportation investments should reflect the realities of how Oregonians move through the world—not just how freight moves on highways. I urge you to reject HB 3402 and support HB 2025 with the -28 amendment.

Sincerely,

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