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An estimated quarter or more of all Oregonians do not drive, whether due to age, income, or ability. The Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP) would have made investments in safety and public transportation to benefit these Oregonians.

Alas, the proposed amendments to House Bill 3402 focus on only those Oregonians who drive, leaving out many others. Oregon needs a complete transportation system, not one that caters to just people who drive. Although BEST appreciates this last-minute effort to salvage some funding for transportation, we cannot support such a lop-sided and incomplete approach.

Founded 13 years ago as a broad coalition of business, environmental, social service, education, neighborhood, and faith community leaders, BEST knows we are better when we speak and work together. We look for win-win solutions. We look forward to the next attempt to pass a comprehensive transportation package and stand ready to support one that will serve the needs of ALL Oregonians.