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I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC), a 42-year old community organization with a mission to be the bridge between Asian and American cultures and build a harmonious community. Our vision is to reduce health inequity and improve health care quality for all Asians.

AHSC submitted prior testimony in support of House Bill 2025, the Transportation Reinvestment Package, including increased funding for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). Passing this important bill will save transit service that Oregonians depend on every day.

As a recipient of STIF funds through the Ride Connection Network, AHSC operates a 14-passenger mini-bus three days per week to shuttle seniors, disabled adults and other community members from their homes to ASHC's main location to access vital health and community services. Our community members do not have other safe methods of transportation to and from health and social service resources.

Our understanding is that HB 3402 does not include the STIF funding increase found in HB 2025. Without STIF funding increase, transit services will be cut further, including potentially to AHSC's transit service. Rising costs combined with declining funding are placing our transit service at risk. We urge you to increase STIF funding to the level proposed in HB 2025.

Sincerely,
Asian Health & Service Center