

February 10, 2026

Subject: HB 4126

Dear Chair McLain, Vice Chairs Gamba and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors Oregon-Columbia Chapter represents commercial construction throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, with approximately 740 members. Our members construct transportation projects throughout the state, as well as rely on Oregon's transportation system to get their supplies and employees to jobsites in all corners of the state.

As gas tax revenues continue to decrease, Oregon needs to make forward progress on determining alternative methods for raising revenue for maintaining and investing in our roads and transportation system. AGC is encouraged that HB 4126 explores the viability of a road usage charge in Oregon and collects reliable data on what a transition from the gas tax to a road usage charge will look like on a statewide scale. This data is particularly important, since we currently only have the data made available through the OreGo pilot program. While OreGo has been a pioneering step in the road usage charge conversation in Oregon, the small size of the program means that the data we receive from the current program does not accurately represent what the administrative costs will be when a statewide road usage charge program is adopted and implemented.

Given the budget shortfalls ODOT currently faces, Oregon needs to be looking now to what other future-facing, sustainable funding sources are available as an alternative to the gas tax. Revenue from road usage charges would go to the State Highway Fund, which is critical to all portions of our transportation system, including but not limited to preservation and maintenance. We look forward to seeing what information results from the study outlined in HB 4126, and are appreciative of the bill sponsors bringing this forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and we look forward to engaging on this issue going forward.

Best,

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