

February 11, 2026

House Committee on Transportation
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 4126 - Support

Chair McLain, Vice-Chairs Boshart-Davis and Gamba, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 4126, which will provide Oregon transportation agencies with better information about the funding needs for maintaining roads and bridges.

We appreciate the work of Representative Gamba to put together HB 4126 as the Legislative Assembly transitions to the longer-term discussions on a sustainable transportation funding package. Multnomah County partnered with the Association of Oregon Counties to release the [road needs study](#) in late 2024 to provide legislators with a detailed snapshot of the condition of our local roads and bridges and the resources that we need to maintain them. As you know, Multnomah County manages six highly complex bridges over the Willamette River and Multnomah Channel, as well as hundreds of miles of roads. We could not keep these roads and bridges open for those who rely on them without support from the state highway fund and local programs that the state operates.

The report required in HB 4126 will provide legislators with critical information to make informed decisions on how to fund our shared transportation systems over the long term, as the Road Usage Charge becomes vital to how Oregon pays to maintain our roads and bridges.

We ask for your support on HB 4126 and your continued partnership on transportation funding.

Sincerely,

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