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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1601

Please don't advance the SB 1601-3 amendments out of your committee. Prioritizing highway project spending above everything else doesn't reflect the transportation needs and preferences of many Oregonians, including me. Oregon should cut highway expansion projects that won't improve congestion, not repurpose funds from other transportation modes to more highway spending. Taxing new bike sales and using the tax money to pay for highway maintenance is a maddening misuse of funds. Cutting funding that supports Amtrak service and helps Oregon get federal matching dollars is a waste of a good opportunity for funding that doesn't come directly from Oregon's budget and supports a well used public transit service. Please don't send this last minute attempt to appease anti-tax activists through to the legislature.