

*Testimony before the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development  
April 15, 2013 3:00 PM*

*Concerning House Bill 2945 – Creation of a Clackamas County Rural  
Area Committee on Transportation*

**Chair Read and honorable committee members;**

**I am Stephen Bates, the Chair of the Boring Community Planning Organization. I wish to share some thoughts concerning the lack of an Area Committee on Transportation in rural Clackamas County.**

**Boring is an unincorporated area on the fringe of the Greater Portland Area. A portion of Boring is within the boundaries of Metro and a significant portion is not.**

**The Boring residents within the boundaries of Metro are represented by Metro and an equivalent Area Committee on Transportation known as JPACT. The Boring residents outside of the boundaries of Metro have no representation of an Area Committee on Transportation known as an ACT.**

**Because of this fact, the Boring Community Planning Organization voted unanimously to support the passage of House Bill 2945.**

**ODOT's website states that ACT's address all aspects of transportation and they work with other local organizations dealing with transportation related issues. Furthermore, ACT's were formed to expand opportunities for local citizen involvement in ODOT's decision making.**

**The residents of Rural Clackamas County are not receiving this privilege afforded to other citizens throughout the state. Please be aware that:**

**Gales Creek has ACT representation. The people of Eagle Creek do not. Juntura has ACT representation. The residents of George do not. Jasper has ACT representation. Cottrell does not.**

**The list goes on and on. There are communities in Clackamas County that do not have the ability to be involved in the transportation decision making process.**

**On behalf of the people of Boring and in the interest of fairness and equity, I respectfully request that this committee pass this bill on with a "Do Pass" recommendation.**

**Thank you,  
Stephen Bates, Chair  
Boring Community Planning Organization**

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April 11, 2013

The Honorable Tobias Read, Chair  
Oregon State House Committee on  
Transportation and Economic Development  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2945 (allowing for the creation of a Clackamas County Rural ACT)

Dear Chair Read and Honorable Committee Members:

The Boring area is on the fringe of the Portland metropolitan area and is considered unincorporated, rural Clackamas County. A significant portion of Boring is outside the Metro boundary.

The residents of this area of Boring are not represented by an Area Commission for Transportation. *This portion of our population is not provided the same representation as the rest of the State of Oregon.*

For this reason, the Boring Community Planning Organization voted unanimously to support the passage of House Bill 2945.

In the interest of fairness and equity, please pass this bill to the House Floor with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Bates  
Chair