



May 2, 2013

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Honorable Lee Beyer, Chair
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 2311 – Multimodal connectivity

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation:

I am writing to express my support for HB 2311, which adds improvement of connectivity between modes of transportation to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program's (STIP's) project selection criteria. Direct, comfortable, and safe connections among the different modes encourage the use of transit, cycling, and walking. Adding this criterion will further the City of Beaverton's and the state's goal of an integrated multimodal system.

With three state highways running through Beaverton's downtown, such a criterion assists the City with development of more valuable projects that would benefit our transit-dependent populations and all system users. Our OR 8/ Canyon Road project is an example. We have worked with ODOT to design a more efficient auto/freight highway that facilitates biking and walking to destinations and transit through more direct safe and comfortable sidewalk and bikeway connections. This improved connectivity is critical for nearby transit-dependent and disadvantaged populations.

As downtown Beaverton is served by a WES Commuter Rail Station, two MAX light rail stations, and a bus transfer center, improved connectivity between the modes can result in reductions in auto use and improvement of freight system reliability, adding to our city's and the state's economic vitality.

With the passage of HB 2311, successful STIP projects will be even more beneficial to Oregon. We therefore urge your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denny Doyle
Mayor