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To: Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee

From: Craig Honeyman, Legislative Director, League of Oregon Cities

Re: SB 260 – Multimodal Transportation Fund,

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee. My name is Craig Honeyman, Legislative Director for the League of Oregon Cities. The League represents all 242 cities in the state of Oregon.

I appear today in support of SB260, authorizing the use of lottery proceeds for transportation projects funded from the Multimodal Transportation Fund – i.e. *ConnectOregon*. This would be the fifth iteration of the program which has already made \$340 million of investments in 203 projects around the state.

Many of these projects have materially contributed to the multimodal transportation needs of cities in Oregon – about 35 by my count. Whether it's an airport terminal expansion in Redmond, a runway extension in Ontario, a rail spur in Baker City, a transit facility in Sandy, or a streetcar extension project in Portland, *ConnectOregon* I-IV funds have made invaluable contributions to the state's transportation system.

We strongly urge the continuation of this program, and especially appreciate the continued commitment to statewide transportation investments contained in Section 2, requiring at least minimal allocations to qualifying projects in all five regions of the state.