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Senate Committee on Business and Transportation  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gerik Kransky; I'm the Advocacy Director with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on Senate Bill 120. As currently drafted, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance is opposed to this measure and I'd like to ask you to vote no or consider amendments to ensure more funding is dedicated to street safety.

At the BTA safety is our number one priority. Our mission is to create healthy, sustainable communities by making bicycling safe, convenient and accessible. Any new requirements placed on transportation project funding requests should be focused on making our streets safer.

This bill could place new requirements on Oregon cities and counties seeking to build transportation projects with state funding. All projects competing for funding could be required to relieve traffic congestion on state highways, potentially cutting small scale neighborhood safety, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects out of the picture. We are concerned that this bill could limit the amount of state funding available for cities' and counties' top priority neighborhood transportation projects.

Our preferences regarding this bill as currently drafted are; 1<sup>st</sup>, please vote no on SB 120, or 2<sup>nd</sup>, please amend SB 120 to help reduce severe injuries and fatalities by promoting "Vision Zero" in project planning, or 3<sup>rd</sup>, remove SB 120 from ORS 184.621 to prevent it from being misrepresented as new decision making criteria for state transportation funding allocations to cities and counties.

By making sure that people are safe walking and biking we will be creating a more livable state and we will extend the life of our transportation infrastructure. We ask that you vote no on Senate Bill 120 or amend the bill to renew Oregon's focus on safety.

Thank you, again, for your leadership and hard work to ensure our highways and streets are safe and well maintained.

Sincerely,



Gerik Kransky  
Advocacy Director

