

To the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization;

Hello, I am writing in reference to the proposed amendments to House Bill (HB) 2017-3, dated 5/31/2017.

First thank you for all your hard work putting together this bill given so many views and opinions from all the state of Oregon.

Second thank you for addressing traffic congestion.

In regards to traffic congestion you mention the Delta Highway Project. The Beltline between Delta Highway and the River Road interchange is probably the most congested area in the Eugene-Springfield area. So my question/comments address this section of highway and how it applies to the Delta Highway Project proposed in HR 2017-3.

HB 2017-3 does not address the details of the Delta Highway Project so my question concerns the details of the project. Does the project include the Beltline from Delta Highway to River Road interchange as noted in ODOT's *Beltline Highway: Coburg Road to River Road Facility Plan*, dated July 2014 and the plans proposed alternatives?

If so, then great. If it doesn't then I would have very grave concerns that the Delta Highway Project will not relieve congestion along the Beltline. Any effort to relieve congestion along this section of highway needs to consider both east bound as well as west bound traffic (ie the River Road east bound ramp onto Beltline and the Delta Highway west bound ramp onto Beltline since these are the two major pinch points for traffic flow).

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you like more information about my concerns please feel free to contact me.

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