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On behalf of the City of Redmond, I am writing to express the City Council's strong support for HB 2017. This bill establishes a comprehensive transportation funding and policy package.

We appreciate the work of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, other legislators and the many stakeholder groups that resulted in the proposal currently before you.

Taking decisive action at this time and investing in Oregon's transportation infrastructure is critical. Your action will also demonstrate support for economic growth across the state.

Further, HB 2017 makes significant investments assisting cities as we collectively continue to address challenges facing the local funding portion of the state's transportation network.

These include:

- Significant increase in the State Highway Fund in support of city preservation and maintenance efforts;
- A substantial increase in the Special City Allotment program to assist smaller cities with their own unique challenges;
- Continuation of the very successful ConnectOregon program;
- Investments in congestion relief and freight mobility benefiting Oregon's economy and quality of life; and
- Dedicated funding for intercity public transit.

The Redmond City Council understands legislation at this scale, especially involving the commitment of significant new revenues as envisioned in HB 2017, is not an easy vote.

We support you, and hope you will not close out the 2017 Legislative Session without passing this bill.

With warm regards,

Keith Witcosky  
City Manager  
City of Redmond