

Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Beyer & Rep. McKeown, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2017-3. While we appreciate the effort toward addressing a multimodal package, I urge you to address the following concerns:

- Highway and roadway expansion **does not help** us toward a more climate friendly and less congested future. **Please further fund biking, walking, and transit to ensure that transportation options are available to all Oregonians.**
- In collaboration with other funding efforts in the state, please work toward a more progressive and comprehensive funding proposal that does not place the burden on our most vulnerable Oregonians.
- - Clearly invest in meeting the goal of zero traffic deaths on our roadways. In the past few years, the deaths of pedestrians and bicyclists on Portland roadways is tragic, preventable, and unacceptable (particularly in SE Portland in car-friendly, pedestrian-unfriendly areas such as 82nd Avenue, SE Division, and near Powell Blvd) .
- Ensure that youth across Oregon have safe and accessible transportation to school, work, and play. Include the components of HB 3230 into the transportation package, and pass HB 2693 as a complementary bill to this package which creates a grant program for youth transportation.
- Include language in the bill that commits to creating more accessible transit for low-income riders.

Thank you,
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