

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2017-3. I certainly agree that we need a new transportation funding package and that investing in a multimodal system is the best way to ensure our state's economic and environmental success. However, I think that the current funding package falls far short of what is needed and emphasizes the wrong set of priorities.

- First and foremost, this bill needs to **commit funding** towards achieving the state goal of **zero deaths** on our roadways. In its current iteration it does not.
- Highway expansions induce traffic - they don't fix it. Please **prioritize funding** for **biking and walking** instead. These active transportation projects are so inexpensive and have much bigger benefits towards preserving our quality of life, physical health, environmental quality, and small businesses. There is not enough funding dedicated towards these projects, especially not Safe Routes to School projects which protect our society's youngest and most vulnerable members.
- 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.

As we plan for the future with congestion pricing and transfer of roadways to local jurisdictions, clearly define HOW we will ensure that these new programs are funded and how the benefits and burdens are distributed equitably.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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