

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2017-3.

A multi modal package, with an emphasis of roads for passenger and freight motor vehicles is desperately needed.

For far too long, transportation policy in Oregon has been held hostage by kooks who think that 72 year olds like me can ride a bike to buy groceries, or do any of the other things I have to do on a daily basis.

Public transit in Portland doesn't work, and throwing more money at a failed system won't fix that.

Only passenger motor vehicles can get folks where they need to go in a reasonable amount of time.

I urge you to ignore the mass mailings engineered by the single interest zealots of Oregon Walks which you are going to receive today, and bring forth a transportation bill weighted largely in favor of passenger vehicle and freight road projects.

Thank you.

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