

Members of the Joint Transportation Committee and Rep. Williamson and Sen. Burdick,

With regard to HB 2017, while some fixes to bottlenecks in the Portland region are warranted, research clearly shows that **widening roads only leads to more traffic, more pollution and eventually back to gridlock**. I'm glad to see a move toward using existing road space more efficiently through peak period pricing and other smart technologies.

However, the bill lists a number of pet roadway projects that do not provide a path to meeting either the State of Oregon's or the City of Portland's or Multnomah County's health and climate goals. **Please do what you can to nix Portland area freeway widening!**

I support the new privilege tax on the retail sale of motor vehicles. Please don't spend it on roads and freight alone! Please use that income to also **reduce congestion through multimodal investments** and to **invest in clean vehicles** as well.

Thank you for your attention!

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