

To: The Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization

Re: Public testimony on Oregon's transport spending package, House Bill 2017. Dear Committee Members: I'm writing today to express concerns about the Transportation Bill. I think Oregon already has too many freeways. We don't need to widen them. Instead, we need to refocus our budgetary priorities on funding ALTERNATIVES to driving. Such as transit, walking, bicycling and carpooling.

Let's make Portland more like Vancouver BC, not like Sacramento. I've lived in all three. I like Portland the best. And I don't want to see it become more freeway-centric like Sacramento. Specifically: \* Don't widen I-5 through the Rose Quarter in Portland \* Don't widen I-205 over the Willamette River in Oregon City \* Don't widen SR 217 in Washington County \* Don't tax new bicycles! \* Don't tax fuel efficient cars. Instead, \* fund better transit, \* fund better bicycle infrastructure, and \* tax gas-guzzling cars. Let's create the future we want to see in Oregon. Your bill will make our problems bigger with more freeway lane-miles and fewer bikes and fuel-efficient cars! Thank you, Ted Buehler 105 NE Beech St Portland OR 97212 503-890-0510 [ted101@gmail.com](mailto:ted101@gmail.com)