

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.
- 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
- Clearly invest in meeting the state-identified goal of zero deaths on our roadways, which is currently un-addressed in this package.
- 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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