



Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN)

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Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and members of the Joint Committee On Transportation

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CC: Matt Rodrigues, City Engineer, City of Eugene (MRodrigues@eugene-or.gov)

Subject: Friendly Area Neighbors support of HB 2702-1 and SB 558

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and members of the committee,

As a supporting committee to the Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN) Board, the FAN Transportation Team (the Team) focuses on transportation issues that impact our neighborhood. Both the members of the Team and the FAN Board urge this committee to **pass HB 2702-1 and SB 558**.

- HB 2702-1 will allow the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to delegate authority for setting speeds to qualified local agencies.
- SB 558 would allow cities to reduce speeds on non-collector residential streets by 5 miles per hour without engineering investigation.

In our ongoing collaboration with the City of Eugene staff, the Team and members of FAN have advocated for reductions in speed limits on local streets to safer limits. The City created its Vision Zero Action Plan in which it states "slowing speeds will decrease the severity of injuries and lead to fewer fatalities". Too many people have suffered life-changing severe injuries or have been killed in collisions resulting from excessive vehicle speeding. **A reduction of vehicle speed reduces the chances that a person will be severely injured or killed in a crash.** Currently, the City lacks authority to make reductions in posted speed limits. Both of these bills are steps toward allowing such authority. Together with improved street design and enforcement, these bills will help achieve our mutually stated goals of improving safety for all road users.

Sincerely,

Steve Piercy and Todd Miller, FAN Transportation Team Co-Chairs
Margie James and Pam Wooddell, FAN Board Co-Chairs