



A neighborly community providing safe services, developing innovative partnerships, focusing on quality and life giving opportunities

**Testimony Before the Joint Committee on Transportation
Relating to Support the family Speed Bills SB 558, SB 559 and SB 560
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Co-Chair Beyer and Co-Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee:

These bills provide value and strength to local communities in providing additional tools to improve safety in our city and communities across Oregon.

This set of bills include the following:

[SB 558](#) – Authorizes city to designate speed for highway under city’s jurisdiction that is five miles per hour lower than statutory speed when highway is in residential district and highway is not arterial highway.

[SB 559](#) – Expands authority to operate fixed photo radar systems in high crash corridors to all cities. Makes permanent authority to operate fixed photo radar systems in high crash corridors.

[SB 560](#) – Expands authority for all cities to operate photo radar systems in high crash corridors.

These actions/opportunities provide for more local level management with ODOT instead of an old one-size fits all standard. ODOT has presented these to our regional ACTs and it is very clear and workable. Being a member of our regional ACT (NEACT) I fully support these bills with a must pass this session. Waiting until a future legislative session kicks the process too many years down the road. This is because once it is signed there still needs to be rules and processes written before implementation, and that does not happen overnight.

Thank you for making the livability and safety a very important part for Irrigon and all Oregon cities. The passage of these bills provides important tools for cities across Oregon.

We are asking for your support of SB 558.