



Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
City of Portland

May 1st, 2019

Senator Lee Beyer and Representative Caddy McKeown, Co-Chairs
Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2112

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee:

The City of Portland is proud to work collaboratively with our partners at Multnomah County to support a safe and resilient transportation system in our City and County. The Willamette River Bridges cut through the heart of downtown Portland and serve as critical connectors between the east and west sides of our City.

We have been an active participant in the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project and have identified the replacement and improvement of the Burnside Bridge as a critical project to be completed within the next ten years of our Transportation System Plan. This project will ensure the bridge will withstand a seismic event and make multimodal improvements that will serve our growing city.

We support the use of Vehicle Registration Fees to fund the Burnside Bridge. The redirection of VRF funds, which would otherwise flow to the City of Portland (per existing state statute), is significant. This forgone revenue represents the City of Portland's contribution to the important Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

We look forward to continuing to work with Multnomah County and other regional partners to design and build this important project.

Sincerely,

Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner, City of Portland