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Dear Co Chairs Beyer and McKeown, Vice Co Chairs Boquist and Noble, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to request you please take further action on SB 558 and HB 2702-1. I have been asking the City of Eugene to lower the speed limit on the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from University to Agate Street, from 45 mph to 35 mph. As a pedestrian who walks next to the road almost daily, I can share it feels very unsafe to have cars and trucks going by at 45+ mph just inches away from me. The speed of traffic is also problematic to drivers who need to cross the outward bound lane of 30<sup>th</sup> at Agate in order to go downtown. In the conversations I've had with Eugene Public Works staff, I think there is some interest in lowering the speed limit. However, they do not have the authority. That authority is ODOT's and their criteria does not rely as heavily on the neighborhood's walkability and livability issues.

I did notice when reading the proposed legislation, that SB 558, subsection 11, had been amended to read **A city** as opposed to *The City of Portland*. If it is HB2702-1 that goes forward, please incorporate the same amendment.

Thank you for all the work you have done to improve Oregon's transportation system. I believe passage of this legislation is another step in the right direction and urge you to take it.

Cordially, Beth Bridges, 3303 Stoney Ridge Road, Eugene OR.