



City of Tigard

March 2, 2021

Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: SB 395 – Support for required expenditures on footpaths and bicycle trails**

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express Tigard's support for SB 395 which would increase required expenditures on footpaths and bicycle trails from one percent to five percent of amounts received from the State Highway Fund.

The City of Tigard's strategic plan and vision highlight where we want to go as a community and who we want to be. Our vision, "*An equitable community that is walkable, healthy, and accessible for everyone.*" emphasizes the value our community places on equity, walkability, health, and access for all. If passed, SB 395 would directly support the values adopted by the Tigard community by allocating much-needed funding to support active travel.

Allocating a greater share of our limited transportation dollars toward walking and rolling projects is a key step in meeting our collective climate mitigation and adaptation goals. To support residents and employees making different day-to-day travel choices, we must have safe and convenient infrastructure that is accessible to all, but most importantly, to our marginalized and disadvantaged populations. Not only will we see a reduction in carbon emissions and congestion, by doing so, we will also benefit from an economic boost to cities and to our state.

It's time to invest in the types of projects that will move us into the sustainable future we imagine – there is no time left to do otherwise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason B. Snider, Mayor  
City of Tigard