

To: Joint Committee on Transportation  
From: Laurie Dougherty, Salem, OR

I support SB 395 to increase the share of money from the Highway Trust Fund to be used for safety improvements for walking and bicycling.

I am an older woman who does not have a car. I walk, bike and take public transit here in Salem. Staying active helps me to stay healthy and builds familiarity with and connection to local businesses, neighborhoods and parks.

Transportation is a major contributor to the greenhouse gas emissions that are harming the climate as well other emissions that are harmful to health. Oregon is committed to reducing these emissions. Improving safety for walking and bicycling will encourage people to drive less.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.