



March 16, 2021

Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair
Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 3065 with the -5 Amendments

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 3065 with the -5 amendments.

We strongly supported the Legislative effort in 2017 to approve a critical transportation funding package that recognized the crippling effects of congestion in the metro area and the multimodal needs across the state. We want to thank the Legislature for all the work that has gone into creating a financial plan that will set in motion progress on the major projects detailed in HB 2017 (2017). The -5 amendments to HB 3065 are an important step forward to delivering on the intent of the 2017 transportation package.

Congestion on the regional interstate system is both a quality of life issue for Hillsboro residents and an economic barrier for the traded sector industry in western Washington County. We appreciate that the -5 amendments to HB 3065 provide flexibility to administer projects promised in HB 2017 so that all identified interstate projects can move forward, which are critical to support the cross-regional movement of freight and people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support and we urge the committee to move this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Callaway'.

Mayor Steve Callaway
City of Hillsboro