

I am writing about my opposition to HB 3065. As a small business owner of the largest bicycle valet in North America I know that our transportation system can be different. We can build a transportation system which makes our streets safer, our commutes shorter, and gets more people on bikes, transit, and walking which will reduce our carbon emissions. We can only achieve that system if we invest in it. HB 3065 will have the opposite effect.

Creating a slush fund for the Oregon Department of Transportation to widen freeways will only induce more demand. We need congestion pricing ten years ago. Money from congestion pricing needs to go towards fixing up our orphan highways. A few blocks from where I live and on an ODOT controlled intersection on Alberta and 82nd, which I use all the time on my bike, two Oregonians were killed within two weeks trying to cross the street. Too many people, particularly people of color, are dying on ODOT's roads yet their only focus is on spending huge amounts of public resources on the one thing that has been proven not to work, widening freeways.

Please stop forcing car dependency on Oregonians. There is a better future but only if we create it.

Please vote no on HB 3065.

Thank you for your consideration,

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