

Co-Chairs Beyer & McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist & Noble, Members of the Committee,

I write today in complete opposition to HB 3065. This bill raises billions of dollars for ODOT to spend on freeway expansions throughout the metro region. Freeway expansions are not an answer to any of our significant transit issues. Freeway expansions are proven to not be an answer for traffic congestion, they lead to more vehicles miles traveled which increases our carbon footprint and worsens air pollution. Ultimately, freeway expansions are proven to lead to more congestion.

Instead of HB 3065, we need real solutions to our transit problems. We need fewer vehicle miles traveled, a smaller carbon footprint, less air pollution, more and better public transportation, faster adoption of Zero Emission Vehicles, safer streets for walking and biking, and more basic road maintenance across Oregon.

There is no rational reason to pass HB 3065 in light where we are in 2021.

Thanks for listening.

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