

Hello Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am submitting this testimony to urge you to increase funding for public transportation in the state of Oregon. Increasing transit access and mode share is critical to meeting our state's climate, housing, and equity goals. However, current service is inadequate and often requires lengthy journeys relative to the same trip in a car. Increasing transit frequency, speed, and coverage is critical to making public transportation a competitive choice for Oregonians and improving the lives of people who rely on transit.

In addition, the state must increase funding for infrastructure improvements that make our streets safer. We are facing a traffic safety crisis, and dangerous roads must be redesigned to prioritize safety, for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers, over motor vehicle speed.

Thank you,  
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