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Submitted written testimony to the Joint Committee on Transportation for the 6/4 Roadshow Hearing:

To: Oregon Legislature Joint Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning:
RE: Funding and Investing in 2025 Transportation Package

As a resident of SE Portland since 1972, and a lung cancer patient, I am very concerned about the social, environmental, health, and climate impacts of future freeway expansion in the Portland Metro area and the Willamette Valley. Air pollution from single occupancy vehicles and particulate pollution from commercial trucks threatens the health of my lungs as well as the health of the planet in terms of warming temperatures and increased risk of drought, wildfires and related smoke.

Because 40% of Oregon's carbon emissions come from our transportation sector, I urge the Legislature to implement strategies which will reduce vehicle miles traveled. These strategies must prioritize investments in maintenance, safety, active transportation and public transit instead of freeway expansion.

I ride my bike as often as possible in the Portland area instead of driving my car. Therefore road maintenance to fix potholes and provide separation of car and vehicle traffic are very important to my safety, and the safety of all bike riders.

When bike riding is not feasible for me due to weather or health reasons, I want to be able to use public transportation which provides reliable, frequent, and low cost alternatives to take me quickly where I need to go.

I would also like to see hourly rail service in the Willamette Valley to reduce the traffic between Portland and Eugene.

I urge the Legislature to fund these improvements via implantation of congestion pricing, increases in motor vehicle fuel taxes, and taxes on bicycle and electric vehicle purchases.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views on the 2025 Transportation Package.