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As the mom of a toddler who was killed by a careless driver on a poorly-maintained ODOT road in 2010, I am asking the committee to please prioritize SAFETY and TRANSIT in the 2025 transportation package.

In the years since my son was killed, I have been dismayed to see the legislature and ODOT prioritize highway expansions, pouring billions into these projects while neglecting to make infrastructure improvements that could have prevented my son's death and made life a whole lot more enjoyable for my surviving children.

Highways are the ouroboros of transportation system. By continuing to support their neverending expansion, we make life miserable for *everyone* while also preventing Oregonians from having viable alternatives. How many times I have I been told that there is no money for simple crosswalk improvements, crossing guards at my kids' school, or protected bike lanes between our house and neighborhood parks and swimming pools?

People like me, and especially my children, are on the front lines of both the climate crisis and the traffic violence epidemic. The Oregon legislature must meet this moment, to give us a chance at a better, safer world and a livable planet.