

Good evening,

We attempted to have a representative talk at the meeting tonight for the ODOT Transportation Funding Review comments, but he got sent to an annex to watch a livestream of the hearing.

Peninsula Truck Lines is a regional LTL (Less than Truck Load) carrier serving Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. We are a relatively small family-owned business that employs about 550 people. A large portion of our business is in the Oregon market. We pick up and deliver HVAC supplies, Medical supplies (to both hospitals and nursing facilities), Sporting goods, Industrial goods, Auto parts, Brewing supplies and almost anything else you can think of.

We believe that funding Oregon's roads is important for us to continue to deliver to our customers. The products we deliver are crucial for the function of many businesses in Oregon and beyond. We believe that funding the roads that are necessary for our deliveries, which are necessary for continued function of many businesses and industries in the state of Oregon and beyond. We understand the funding shortfall that ODOT faces. Per constitutional mandate the taxes to maintain these roads should be fair between passenger vehicles and trucks. Unfortunately, this is not what has been happening, and trucking has borne an unfair portion of the taxes.

Before looking to future projects, it is critical that we build out the infrastructure improvements that were promised years ago. As an example, the lane improvements in the Rose Quarter have seen very little progress 7 years after passage. The congestion caused by bottle neck like the Rose Quarter have very negative impacts on people live, productivity, and the environment. Collectively, these improvements are critical for both Portland's economy, the state of Oregon, as well as Pacific Northwest.

The investments to Oregon's road capacity is critical to the economy and should be funded fairly between passenger and trucks.

Thank you,

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