

Dear Committee,

My name is Marianne and I am here because I believe that the Oregon Department of Transportation needs to **prioritize massive investment in public transportation** in 2025 and beyond, not highways.

In Oregon, 35% of the emissions are related to transportation. Yet, we have one of the most expensive public transit systems in the country. How is this supposed to encourage people to use public transit and help Oregon reach its 2050 target?

Investing in public transit will not only help the state achieve its carbon reduction goals but also benefit many Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities that currently live in neighborhoods with poor air quality. It will also help decrease congestion, which is a major issue in this city. If Oregon wants to achieve its climate goals and provide clean air to all Oregonians, we must offer reliable, safe, and affordable transportation options.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on the upcoming legislative session and on the transportation package's expected outcome.