

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and committee members:

Oregon needs a transportation system that does not rely on personal vehicles (cars and trucks) powered by fossil fuels.

I just returned from a trip to Sweden, where I observed people using a number of different modes of transportation other than cars to get around the country: trains, buses, ferries, bicycles, scooters, and foot.

Cities there have dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths that extend between cities. Pedestrians and bicycles have absolute right-of-way over motor vehicles on the roads.

For those people still reliant on cars, many of them are electric, and cities have large charging stations to accommodate them. The buses are a mix of hybrid, bio gas, bio diesel, and electric.

Gas stations are few and far between. Gas is expensive (\$7.61/gallon).

I believe that Sweden exemplifies the direction that Oregon must go in.

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