

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

With climate change knocking at our collective door, regardless of whether one is a Republican or a Democrat, now is the time to invest in robust public transportation systems across the state.

I urge you to consider investing in public transportation rather than growing the highway system. Let's connect the state via passenger train and become a leader in the US when it comes to expanding public transportation for rural and urban communities alike. Now is the time to think big and to lead regionally and nationally.

Other projects I hope you will consider maintaining, if not bolstering, include the creation of safe routes for children and their families to get to schools, improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks, and upgrading seismically vulnerable bridges.

Let's press gallantly into the future (public transportation) rather than live in the past (cars and highways).

Thank you for your consideration and for all your hard work on behalf of Oregon,
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