

Submitted testimony from Peter Kokopeli, Portland, OR below the line:

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I urge legislators to prioritize spending on the most efficient forms of transportation: walking, cycling and transit. There are many places where small investments can make a large impact on safety and convenience for walkers and cyclists: improved signals and crossings, dedicated multi-use paths, better protections for bicyclists on neighborhood greenways, safe routes to schools and bike buses. Pavement on bike routes should be at the top of the list for resurfacing. Improvements should also include funding for daylighting intersections (by restricting parking near corners) that will improve safety for all users at a very modest cost. In transit, the 82nd street corridor in particular should be made a (real) bus rapid transit route to leverage the federal funding already dedicated.