

I am a mom to three young kids in Beaverton. For the 2025 transportation package, I want to see investments in street safety, especially for pedestrians and bicyclists. I want investments in passenger rail that will make it easier for people to choose public transportation over driving a car. Climate action needs to be at the forefront of every transportation related decision – I don't want my kids and I to be reliant on our car, and our planet depends on more of us making changes to our driving habits. But in order for this to happen, we need more bike-friendly roadways and access to reliable and efficient public transportation. Even though I have a reliable car, there have been numerous times I have wanted to use public transit to be more environmentally conscientious, but it has been very difficult to choose public transit over driving when the public transit option takes at least twice as long to get us to our destination. I strongly believe more people would use mass transit options if they were more efficient. I want to see Oregon emulate Colorado and Minnesota and enact policies that direct ODOT to plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled. I want to see legislators take it seriously that 40% of Oregon's carbon emissions come from transportation and we must dramatically reduce driving and invest in transit and stop spending billions on freeways. I want to ensure Oregon prioritizes investments in seismic resilience for the 700 vulnerable bridges across the state before spending billions on the Rose Quarter Freeway Expansion or any other freeway expansion, because a big earthquake is in our future, sooner than we are currently ready for. Our climate must be at the very top of your priorities in 2025 and beyond and you must ensure every transportation-related decision is made to guarantee positive impacts to our environment. All of our futures depend on it.