

Dear Joint Transportation Committee -

I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association. Our communities rely on tourism.

The number of visitors and full-time residents has increased dramatically in the past decade and has far exceeded the existing transportation infrastructure. Our goal is to support under-served rural communities through tourism.

In order to sustain the quality of life in our villages and towns, we need active transportation infrastructure and public transit.

ODOT's investment in walking and biking paths is essential to creating a future that nurtures healthy, active communities and incentivizes visitors to park their cars, reducing congestion. This type of infrastructure is also a key component for sustainable economic growth and protecting the ecosystems that define the Oregon coast.

More investments in programs like Community Paths are needed to modernize our transportation infrastructure and reduce the burden on roads and highways.

Kindest Regard,

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