

Hello,

My name is Quintin Ricci, I am a current Portland resident, renting a home in the North East portion of the city. I work at a software firm located in Lake Oswego, Oregon as a marketer. We moved offices in 2024 from the central east side of Portland to Lake Oswego.

Prior to that move, I biked 1-2 days per week and commuted by car once per week. Getting around the city I prefer to travel by bike or foot rather than driving.

I have a few thoughts and comments that I think are particularly relevant for the upcoming year. Please read below:

1. Funding: I think there are a number of options for funding in Oregon for transportation, I believe the best and most impactful funding would be congestion oriented tolls that would protect urban cores from overwhelming traffic, focus on limiting demand during the peak hours, and encourage Oregonians to use alternative forms of transportation. This should be more prevalent in areas that have public transit including the I84 corridor from Gresham into Portland and 26 from Beaverton into downtown Portland. The tunnel would be a very easy place to implement these sort of fees.

2. Bike safety: I cannot say how many times I have almost been hit by cars, not because of anger on the part of the driver, but then simply being unaware. We need more bike lanes, we need more greenways, and we need them to be protected. Every moment that we don't do this risks the life of a cyclist, particularly in the city.

3. Public transportation from urban hubs. Living in Portland, public transportation is limited, particularly to far reaching suburbs. The max should go to lake Oswego, Vancouver, canby, and other suburbs. Fast trains should serve the coast, Seattle, Salem, and Eugene. Connecting to transit hubs. Build it and they shall come!

Cheers,
Quintin Ricci