

Hi Joint Committee on Transportation!

THANK YOU for going all over the state to hear the concerns of Oregonians re transportation. I hope you have gotten the message that there is a systemic problem within ODOT.

I want to commend ODOT and any others involved in the repaving of OR 242 (the old McKenzie Pass highway) this summer. This road is closed most of the year due to weather conditions and lack of traffic. The road is much better and safer now. THANK YOU!

What I hard for me to understand is why this road (OR 242) gets repaved and **OR 6** (with 5K vehicles per day year round) can't get even rumble strips to save lives on it. As I testified earlier, ODOT publicly promised rumble strips on OR 6 in 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and possibly other times. Nothing has happened. That is NOT a budgeting issue. It is an honesty issue.

Nor can I understand why **OR 130** which has FOUR fully one lane bridges (basically left over from the 1950s) and a thousand vehicles a day year round can't get new wider bridges installed. **This is clearly a safety issue.** This summer for the first time (and I do drive OR 130 regularly), I saw **skid marks on ALL FOUR one lane bridges.** That means accidents occurred or new misses occurred.

It would be very much appreciated if you could **specifically** address these issues in your upcoming legislation. My suggestion, made earlier and repeated here, is to require ODOT to fix known specific long term problems before any other changes are made. I know I, and I am sure others will be happy to help develop the list of long term never fixed problems.

Thanks for listening!