

Good evening Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, committee members,

My name is Jeanette DeCastro. I live in unincorporated Clackamas County. I also serve as a volunteer on the Clackamas Traffic Safety Commission. (I'm here as individual.) One of my professional passions is workplace and work zone safety. I'm the parent of two great kids. I also live with an older family member who relies on paratransit for dialysis treatment.

Funding for safe transportation - especially biking and pedestrians - is crucial. I have observed the arguments at the state level about funding and priorities. I hear arguments from people that pits biking and pedestrians AGAINST vehicle needs. To me, it follows that we see more and deadly arguments in the right of way.

There are so many people in this room and outside of this room with unmet needs. We're here to plead our case, right?

I want my entire community safe, no matter what their mode of transportation.
Flaggers in work zones - I (worked in construction, we can't do anything without them)
Folks walking and biking
Commuters
Truck drivers (my Dad was a truck driver)

My ask.. is for collaboration to make sure we have enough.. including build sidewalks where they are missing. To prioritize separated bike lanes. To make sure we can connect, no matter the jurisdictional boundaries or what agency maintains the transportation route we use to get around.

Thank you for your time.
Jeanette DeCastro