

Hello committee members!

Thank you for listening to me and my daughter Eliza testify in Happy Valley yesterday.

A few more words to share:

Please consider prioritizing PEOPLE over cars. Our school drop off and pick up lines are full of idling cars as very few families choose to walk, roll or bike to school now. We must change this. Funding for Safe Routes to School coordinators, programs and infrastructure is needed to get more kids on bikes! Bicycle safety education should be required IN school as it is in Washington State. Kids crave the freedom and independence that the bicycle delivers. School districts should have their own bike fleets to teach kids to navigate their neighborhoods safely. Covered bike racks at our schools will encourage biking year-round.

Thank you for recognizing the need for jurisdictional transfer and safety upgrades to SW Hall Blvd. (OR route 141)

Please recognize that widening freeways will not solve congestion. Induced demand shows us what really happens. (See the 405 freeway in California) There are simply too many cars.

Improve public transit and micro-mobility infrastructure.

Offer rebates for micro-mobility. Not just more cars.

Thank you for all that you do! It's been a busy schedule for you all!

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