



September 27, 2024

Honorable Co-Chairs Gorsek and Susan McLain  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Honorable Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Committee:

Sustainable funding for transportation has been a concern for decades and I appreciate your efforts to address this issue and your focus this session on the operations and maintenance of facilities. To both address infrastructure repair and ongoing costs, I am asking you to support the transfer of urban arterials from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to their associated cities. Cities are best positioned to meet the needs of neighbors and community members in the ongoing management of these corridors.

In the City of Tigard, we are a partner willing to take on the ongoing obligations of managing SW Hall Boulevard where it runs through our city. An initial investment by the state to address the current infrastructure condition on Hall Boulevard and allow for basic improvements on the corridor will position Tigard to manage and maintain this critical roadway that provides both regional and community connection.

House Bill 2793 passed during the 2023 legislative session and established the Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee. This committee works to prioritize jurisdictional transfers across the state. In the summer of 2024, the Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee recommended this section of Hall Boulevard for transfer from ODOT to the City of Tigard with full funding support. Transferring this corridor and funding the needed improvements will be a success story for partnership and roadmap for future transfers throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration of sustainable funding for transportation in Oregon, and for your part in a success story of an urban arterial in Tigard where everyone wins.

Sincerely,

Mayor Heidi Lueb