

Members of the Committee,

We are in a climate crisis. Under HB-3543 and EO-20-04, it is the policy of our state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to the goal of a 10% reduction from 1990 levels by 2020 and a 45% reduction from 1990 levels by 2035. It is the year 2024, and we are not yet below 1990 levels. Seeing as our transportation sector accounts for over 30% of our state's greenhouse gas emissions, this obligation **must** inform any package that may come out of this committee.

Please, act accordingly, and fund maintenance and high capacity transit before 'finishing what we started with HB-2017', a lesser obligation in the scope of our state's maintenance deficit. Freeway congestion can be remedied if we just think big and invest in our public transit system. TriMet's FX on 82nd Avenue and TV Highway, the downtown MAX tunnel, and expanded commuter rail service are all projects which would achieve both of these goals — reduced congestion and greenhouse gas emissions — in harmony, if completed. In particular relevance to our local region, the TV Highway FX project should be funded with this potential package to the degree of matching funds necessary, \$50 million.

The state's maintenance deficit and projects such as these should be funded in this potential package by shifting the method of our collection towards a mandatory indexed road usage charge.

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