As an average person living within the Portland UGB, in unincorporated Washco, I wanted to vocalize that we need to have safe, complete street paths and off street paths available and accessible for all people in the community.

I advocate the "if you build it, they will use it" approach, and want to urge more funding for non-car transportation initiatives specifically for the metro area, but for all of Oregon as well.

We need to have more Protected bike lanes with curbs and greenery between bikes and car traffic. Paint is a great start, but really does not protect against a car. Additionally, express trains within TriMet would increase rider counts as the transit time via train should be faster than transit by car.

Policies, initiatives, and funding should be prioritized to help drive and support policies for statewide transportation systems to reduce trips by car, make our air and environment cleaner, and be more equitable for all people.

Thanks,

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