

Transit and mobility access for ALL Oregonians.

If you are really invested in providing the best solutions to get folks from Point A to Point B, then spend your efforts in increasing funding for transit.

It meets the measure of equity that no freeway project will ever do. Cars are inherently anti-community. Car centric transportation planning has destroyed communities and continue to poison robust development in this state.

It's time to increase our investments by heroic amounts towards transit projects that connect our region and state, while moving people within our cities.

One of the most beautiful examples I can share of how easy it can be, is Cherriots is fare free for youth under 18. This has allowed my child to build and love, along with a desire to ride transit. Those motivations pushed us to take a bus out to Lincoln City last fall, early in the morning. It's not all too often that I have had an opportunity to take in the drive because I have most times been behind the wheel. We arrived in Lincoln City for what was mostly a wonderful day. We did experience barriers in getting around because the local bus system wasn't funded to operate on a Sunday. Despite that, we used our legs to get around and traversed most of the city. One precaution we did take was moving North/South, we used the beach for the most part, because it would not be safe to travel along the highway there. Another example of cars being a barrier for people trying to take in the majesty of exploring a city. Safe Pedestrian/bike access should be a top priority around every transportation project. Later that evening, we returned to Salem. All told we spent \$12 on the trip there and back. There's no way, I would have spent that little driving a gas guzzler.

Funding pedestrian/bike/transit projects over freeway expansion is how we are going to build more climate resilient cities, generate greater economic returns, and make mobility access a RIGHT for all Oregonians.

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