

September 27, 2024

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, committee members,

My name is Juan Pedro Moreno Olmeda, and I am a community organizer working alongside and advocating for Immigrants, Refugees, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (IR BIPOC) across Washington County and TV Highway. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony to emphasize the importance of prioritizing IR BIPOC voices and concerns in transportation planning, particularly along the Tualatin Valley Highway.

As a recent college graduate, I have been able to involve myself in community efforts specifically around transportation along TV Highway. Thanks to my involvement in different community leadership groups, I have been able to continue learning about how I can be more involved in my community. I Have lived in Hillsboro for 27 years now, and have been able to witness the continued development of the corridor. I am now seeking ways to not only involve myself in infrastructure and decision making spaces, but also my fellow community members whose voices have historically been excluded.

I am writing to ask for the following for continued investment in the following:

- Community leadership develop programs related to infrastructure
- Investment for Regional Equity Coalitions
 - TV Highway Equity Coalition
 - South West Corridor Equity Coalition
 - 82nd Ave. Equity Coalition
- Public Transit Safety Improvements
 - Climate resilient shelters
 - Accessible spaces for people using mobility devices
 - Microtransit alternatives

Thank you for considering our concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Juan Pedro Moreno Olmeda