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Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and committee members:

My name is Janet Black. I live next to King City.

I have lived here for 24 years and so have personally experienced the effect of the massive growth in housing that has happened from the development around Bull Mountain and Cooper Mountain. Tigard continues to expand, and development of the expansion of King City has just started.

I see the thousands of homes that have been built in the last few years and I see the plans for thousands of homes to be built in the near future. What I don't see are the ability to walk or bike to buy groceries, or to take public transportation to work.

Thousands of homes have been built, creating traffic which overloads the existing roadways. And now it is pointed out that we need more roads to serve the houses that have been built and will soon be built. This sets up conflicts between roads and farmland, between roads and protected natural resources, and between roads and existing communities.

I want better planning so we have communities that don't have to rely on driving a car to get to work, to go to a park and to buy food. I want Oregon to take action to reduce transportation's impact on the climate, and to reduce the need to drive.

We need public transportation that is safe, accessible and affordable. We need compact, mixed use neighborhoods that reduce the need for driving.

Please prioritize funding for efforts that reduce the need to drive, not build bigger roads for more cars.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Black