

Please consider the long-term potential for Oregon to be a leader in transportation funding, and effective transit within and between our cities and towns. Imagine a world-class rail service connecting Portland, Salem, Albany, and Eugene. Together, we can ensure long-term quality of life, and hopefully claim that we made a concerted effort to do our part to reduce the impacts of climate change.

This is all in your hands as legislators, and I hope you will work collaboratively and wisely to develop a transportation package that focuses on roadway safety, improved transit service, maintenance of our existing roadway system before we consider expanding or widening it, and of course making sure we are using a financially stable way to fund our transportation system (but also charging effectively for those that do use it).

A lot is in your hands, and I know it won't be easy. But your job is to work for the future of this state. And I am optimistic you can succeed. Thank you.

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