

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.

Paul Leitman Dear Oregon legislature,

- You need to fully fund School, complete streets, public transit, and active transportation networks statewide. We need streets that youth can cross safely to school, where older adults can get their daily exercise, people using mobility devices can get everywhere they need to go, and transit gets you there and back on time.
- Please have Multnomah County, Portland Bureau of Transportation, and Washington County add a road diet for most of SW Scholls Ferry Road between SW Raab Road and SW Raleighwood Lane and add sidewalks, storm water management, crosswalks with flashing lights, and raised bicycle lanes on the section between SW Raab Road and SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. This connects Sylvan to Raleigh Hills and it would help people connect five TriMet bus lines. Around two people have died on this section of SW Scholls Ferry Road in recent years and Multnomah County hasn't repaved their section since around 1996.
- You need to ensure that revenue is generated equitably and progressively, and that we spend it on maintaining our streets and upgrading them to increase safe public and active transportation options for all, especially for Oregonians who can't or don't drive.

Rick Kappler