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Joint Committee on Transportation

Oregon Legislature

Submitted via email: JCT.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

**RE: Shaping the 2025 Legislative Transportation Package**

Co-chairs McLain and Gorsek and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for your time spent here in Washington County today as the final stop on your statewide transportation listening tour.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has approved a transportation policy framework that includes desired outcomes and actions to guide our work as we engage with you and our jurisdictional and agency partners around transportation funding and other transportation issues. That transportation policy framework forms the basis of our comments today.

**Washington County Goal: Provide and maintain a safe, accessible, connected, multimodal regional transportation system with sustainable and reliable supportive ongoing revenue streams.**

The state legislature can help us do this by:

- Ensuring that State Highway Fund revenues continue to be distributed with 30 percent for counties and 20 percent for cities (maintain the 50-30-20 funding formula).
- Continuing to invest in safe, complete streets and off-street paths, building on programs such as Great Streets that fund critical safety infrastructure improvements for motorists, transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Identifying and pursuing equitable, adequate, reliable and diverse transportation funding sources.
- Allowing for implementation of local funding tools that parallel state revenue collection tools. For example, If the state moves toward a statewide road user charge or other new revenue source, we ask that a local option is enabled. Washington County has adopted a local gas tax and local vehicle registration fee. These local revenue sources are vitally important and they allow counties and cities to deliver on

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our shared commitment to safe, complete streets, and improve overall mobility for our community members.

- Continuing state revenue-sharing (50-30-20) with any new state fees or charges that enhance or replace current revenue sources.
- Continuing to invest in transit improvements and expanding funding for transit capital and operations, such as authorizing additional STIF funding (State Transportation Improvement Fund).

Our region is ready to do the work required to support you as you advance the 2025 transportation package, to ensure its passage, and to make our shared goals a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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