

It is of **UTMOST** importance that the upcoming transportation budget prioritize **SAFETY**, **COMMUNITY**, and **MASS TRANSIT**. Safety is the number one concern, with creating safer multi-use roads, paths, and corridors. This means recognizing **MULTI-USE** does **\*\*NOT MEAN\*\*** car/automobile priority. It means vehicles **MUST SHARE**, **SAFELY**, with other means of transportation, including: walking, biking, scooters, and most importantly, **MASS TRANSIT**. **SAFETY ALSO MEANS**—making line items in the budget for maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure. We've seen first-hand the error of avoiding upkeep for bridges, roads, and other means of transportation in other places in the US, and even other cities across the US. We **\*\*MUST\*\*** spend our money with safety in mind, and that means maintaining what we have spent money to build and create in the first place.

Prioritizing **COMMUNITY** means **\*\*NOT\*\*** destroying current communities and neighborhoods in support and pursuit of widening highways, freeways, or otherwise enlarging vehicle-only or vehicle-primarily items. This means recognizing the input of locals in each neighborhood should be prioritized, not simply the business interests in Vancouver, Salem, or Hillsboro or of/from those areas.

And lastly, **MASS TRANSIT** means funding more shared spaces for max trains, buses, and even carpool lanes. We cannot suffer any more idiocy of "enlarging" any sort of system we currently have to only provide for more automotive vehicles. We need to invest in our future, and that means being climate conscious and sensitive.

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