



## Oregon State Legislature

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Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

We would like to extend our thanks for visiting Clackamas County and for the opportunity to share our thoughts and recommendations as you continue your important work on a transportation package in the 2025 Legislative Session. As legislators representing Clackamas County, we are united in advocating for transportation solutions that will benefit our communities and ensure a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation system for all.

The following principles reflect the collective priorities of our communities in Clackamas County as we look ahead to the next legislative session. These are based on ongoing discussions with local leaders, stakeholders, and residents, and they represent the needs and concerns of our region as part of the statewide effort to improve Oregon's transportation network.

### **Partnership with Local Communities**

Local input is key to creating a transportation system that works for everyone. We believe in a collaborative approach that respects and incorporates the perspectives of local jurisdictions. We strongly support maintaining the 50/30/20 revenue formula from the State Highway Fund, ensuring that both state and local partners have the necessary resources for operations and maintenance.

### **Adequate and Stable Funding for Oregon's Transportation Needs**

Oregon's people and economy depend on having a transportation system that is safe, reliable, efficient, and adequately funded. We stand ready to work together with you on solutions that will bring stable and adequate funding for Oregon's transportation needs, but that will require transparency in spending, completion of promised projects, and meaningful input from our local jurisdictions.

### **Responsible and Efficient Use of Funds**

Transparency and accountability in ODOT spending are equally critical to stable funding for the agency. Careful budgeting and cost-saving measures should be considered that bring ODOT back to its core mission and focuses on the efficient use of public funds. The state should also continue leveraging federal funds to support significant projects that benefit both local and statewide transportation systems.



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### Completion of Critical Infrastructure Projects

Our communities have been waiting for years to see key transportation projects completed. In particular, the widening of I-205 and improvements between Stafford Road to the Abernethy Bridge must be finished. These projects – named in HB 2017 and HB 3055 – are vital for improving safety, reducing congestion, and boosting regional economic growth. Additional high-priority projects, such as the Sunrise Corridor and Boone Bridge, should also be included to address growth and infrastructure needs across our urban, suburban, and rural areas.

### Improving Road Safety and Multimodal Transit Options

Safety is a top priority for our constituents, and we support efforts to improve safety for all modes of travel. Reducing the diversion of traffic from highways onto local roads is essential for both safety and congestion relief. An effective transportation system must also include robust multimodal options. Gaps in transit service, sidewalks, and other transit options need to be addressed so that all Oregonians can benefit from safe, reliable, and accessible transportation.

Successful passage of a transportation package in the 2025 Legislative Session will require the support of Clackamas County legislators. As we head into next year's session, we ask that these priorities help guide your committee's deliberations. Clackamas County's communities are growing, and our transportation needs are evolving. By working together, we can develop a transportation system that meets those needs and supports the future growth and prosperity of our entire region and state.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you on these critical issues.

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