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I support changing the term used to describe accidents/collisions to “crash.” But equally important is how Oregon characterizes vehicle/pedestrian and vehicle/bicycle crashes. I would recommend that you include in HB 3374 that “Vision Zero” is policy of the Oregon Legislature and direct the Oregon Department of Transportation to invest to ensure its outcome by 2030.

In that regard to reducing deaths and serious injuries on Oregon streets & highways, I would also encourage you to schedule a vote on HB 2095. This legislation is critical to making Oregon cities’ streets safe for all road users. Police departments don’t have the personnel to staff traffic enforcement and as a consequence, speeding has become the norm. That is unacceptable and endangers everyone; pedestrians, people riding bicycles and vehicle drivers. Authorizing cities to reduce speeds and enforce traffic laws using cameras is essential to restoring the safety of streets.