

Albany Area Bend Area Convalits Area Eugene-Springfleid Region Grants Pass Area Portland Metro Region Rogue Valley Region Salem-Keizer Region

Senator Gorsek, Co-Chair Representative McLain, Co-Chair Senator Boquist, Co-Vice Chair Representative Boshart Davis, Co-Vice Chair Joint Transportation Committee Oregon State Legislature Salem, OR 97301

## RE: Support of House Bill (HB) 3113

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) is a partnership of Oregon's eight Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), working together on matters of mutual interest and statewide significance and representing approximately 80% of Oregon's population. OMPOC has long advocated for increased investment in active transportation and transit; a safe transportation system for all Oregonians; and lowering transportation related greenhouse gas emissions.

OMPOC unanimously supports HB 3113 and calls for a minimum of \$100 million in funding. ODOT's Great Streets program provides essential investments for Oregon and supports improvements in active and alternative modes of transportation, safety, and public health benefits. Furthermore, the Program helps address climate change and promotes equity for all users of our transportation system.

In addition, OMPOC supports making Great Streets funding available not just for state highways under ODOT's jurisdiction but also for local streets that serve as community main streets. This is of particular importance in locations where former ODOT-owned highways have been transferred to local jurisdiction but remain part of the state highway system.

