

February 15, 2024

To: Representative McLain and Senator Gorsek, Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: STRONG SUPPORT HB 4067 - Task Force on Electric Micromobility

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

As a 38-year veteran and East Multnomah County resident who has commuted daily to both the Columbia River Gorge and the surrounding area, I am frustrated by the short sightedness exhibited by HB 4103 but encouraged by HB4067.

E-micromobility is a new and rapidly evolving transportation mode. Legal and regulatory definitions vary widely, and this inconsistency creates confusion and uncertainty among consumers and road users. The current state of Electric Micromobility in Oregon requires a timely review of current standards and guidelines for allocating right of way for different road users beyond only e-bike classification. One of the largest barriers to e-micromobility (and all forms of micromobility) is the lack of safe and connected infrastructure, including travel lanes and facilities; secure parking; charging facilities; and integration into the broader transportation system. By addressing these and other issues, we can foster a safer and more welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities in the future.

As you move forward in approving this Task Force on Electric Micromobility, I encourage you to consider the following in your outcome strategy:

- Clarify vehicle definitions and categories and consider joining other states in adopting the three-class classification system for e-bikes.
- Develop a clear definition and approach for commercial electric cargo bicycles that is flexible enough to allow the use of specialty vehicles (e.g., form factors, configurations, and motor capabilities), such as e-trikes.
- Pursue and leverage federal funding for shared e-micromobility programs through existing programs, and advocate for dedicated funding streams.
- The use of pilot programs to create and test zero-emission delivery zones
- The use of rebates, financing, and other financial incentives to make e-micromobility more accessible for all users.
- Increased factual education & awareness. Many people do not know or have misgivings about the availability and capabilities of e-micromobility devices.

- Increased data investment is needed to evaluate and improve e-micromobility services. Government agencies and system operators need to access and use the rich data generated by shared e-micromobility systems in the future.

Thank you for your commitment to go beyond addressing only immediate concerns and dedicating your extensive leadership and service to this endeavor. It encompasses breaking down barriers and advocating for investments that elevate the quality of life and mobility for underrepresented communities. Your efforts to enhance the policies behind electric micromobility will not only improve safety but also promote environmental stewardship by reducing the reliance on motor vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,



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