



February 15, 2024

To: Co-Chairs McLain & Gorsek, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart-Davis and Joint Transportation Committee Members

Re: **SUPPORT HB 4067 Electric Micromobility Task Force**

Dear Joint Transportation Committee Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs, and Members:

My name is Sarah Iannarone, and I serve as the Executive Director of The Street Trust. I am writing to express my strong support for Representative Nguyen's **Electric Micromobility Task Force**, including the -8 amendment.

The establishment of this Task Force represents a significant step towards sustainable and efficient urban mobility solutions in Oregon, and underscores our state's commitment to safety, accessibility, and innovative community mobility, while ensuring that future policy development is comprehensive, equitable, and broadly serves the needs of diverse communities across our state.

In our ongoing efforts to enhance urban livability and environmental justice, Representative Nguyen's proposal stands out as a commendable example of holistic policy development. By thoughtfully engaging with our organization and many other subject area experts and stakeholders, Representative Nguyen has demonstrated the importance of inclusive multi-stakeholder collaborative governance processes. His approach values best practices, academic research, and data-driven policymaking, epitomizing the kind of leadership and foresight that can lead to truly transformative outcomes for our communities.

The collaborative spirit of Representative Nguyen's proposed task force highlights the essential role of stakeholder engagement in crafting policies that benefit the entire population and reflects a profound commitment to social justice and equity. It is critical when dealing with emerging technologies and innovations that we take care to understand and integrate the perspectives of all affected parties, especially our most vulnerable system users and representatives of historically marginalized communities.

As we explore and debate the future of e-mobility - including e-bike regulations - in Oregon, it becomes increasingly clear that we must prioritize proactive policies that

cater to the interests of all Oregonians, enhancing accessibility and equity regardless of household income or zip code.. The development of electric micromobility solutions should not only advance technological innovation but also ensure that these advancements are shared broadly, benefiting the Oregonians who need them most.

The discussions surrounding various legislative proposals here today offers a vital opportunity for reflection on the principles that should guide our public policy approach to community mobility. It is our sincere hope that the inclusive, evidence-based policy-making model demonstrated by Representative Nguyen's proposed task force will inspire future initiatives, charting a path forward for electric micromobility in Oregon that is as inclusive as it is innovative.

I urge you and your colleagues to support and advocate for the Electric Micromobility Task Force, including the -8 amendment. Your leadership in this matter is crucial for paving the way towards a more sustainable, accessible, prosperous, and healthy Oregon.

Thank you for considering The Street Trust's viewpoint on this critical issue. I am hopeful for your support and remain available for any further discussion or clarification you might need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Iannarone
Executive Director, The Street Trust