



August 22, 2025

To: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation Funding

Re: LC 2

Dear Co-Chairs Fahey and Wagner, and Vice Co-Chairs Drazan and Bonham, and members of the committee:

1000 Friends of Oregon is neutral on LC 2 for the transportation special session. We appreciate the legislature reconvening to protect transportation jobs, basic operations and maintenance of the system, and continued transit service, but this special session bill is insufficient to meaningfully address the transportation needs of all Oregonians.

For over a year, Oregonians in urban and rural areas have expressed their needs for a transportation system that prioritizes safe streets and multiuse paths, maintenance and preservation, increased access to public transit, and accountability and transparency. LC 2 does not move the state towards meeting Oregonians' needs. Rather, it keeps transportation departments and transit agencies barely afloat.

We ask that the legislature seriously revisit transportation funding and accountability conversations in the 2026 and 2027 legislative sessions to do the work of comprehensively investing in Oregon's transportation system. The cost of maintaining our infrastructure will only continue to grow without further action, in addition to the lives lost to traffic crashes on Oregon roads every year and continued climate pollution.

We hope you will pass this special session bill, and then pick up the work of building and maintaining a transportation system that works for all Oregonians, especially the approximately 30% who do not drive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cassie Wilson".

Cassie Wilson
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