

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025

To: Interim Joint Transportation Committee

From: James "Jim" Sjulín, Portland, OR

Re: Transportation Funding

I have been a trail advocate for over 37 years. Funding has never been adequate to build and maintain an inter-connected system of multi-use trails that give people active transportation options that are practical and safe. If we are to realize any meaningful amount of reduction of carbon emissions, we need a fully functional system for active transportation users.

One bright note in Oregon has been the Oregon Community Path grant program. This program needs substantial and consistent funding to make a meaningful impact on active transportation systems statewide.

As I did in listening sessions that occurred last year, I will also make a plea for a ballot measure referral that allows the use of gas tax funds in Oregon for multi-use paths that have a transportation function, for public transit, and for enforcement of traffic laws. Oregon must undo the damage done 45 years ago by a ballot measure funded by Oregon road builders that shamefully restricts the use of gas tax revenue to road building and maintenance.

Thank you.