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**To: Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding**

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**Re: LC 2 – Special Session Transportation Safety and Stabilization  
Funding Package**

**Chairs Wagner and Fahey, Co Vice-Chairs Bonham and Drazan, and Members of the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding,**

For the record, my name is Marie Dodds, and I am here today on behalf of AAA Oregon/Idaho to offer comments in support of LC 2, the Transportation Safety and Stabilization Package. AAA Oregon/Idaho is a local not-for-profit organization serving 770,000 AAA members in Oregon. For more than a century, AAA has provided roadside assistance, travel and insurance services, and advocated for traffic safety.

Oregon's current system of securing revenue for transportation through fuel taxes is diminishing as vehicles become more fuel efficient and more drivers transition to hybrid and electric vehicles. Additional funding will provide much-needed stability for the Oregon Department of Transportation, while also adding important accountability measures to ensure that every dollar is used efficiently and strategically in ways that reflect the priorities of Oregonians.

The package also creates a structured process for updating how cost responsibility is determined between light and heavy vehicles, ensuring that both the methodology and the outcomes are reliable and trusted. However, AAA is concerned about the current language which says that the Department of Administrative Services can act to adjust the rates if the legislature fails to act. We believe the legislature must maintain the authority and responsibility for such adjustments in tax rates to restore equity.

AAA is very aware that this package requires a financial sacrifice on the part of Oregonians, who will rightfully demand that increased costs will yield real

value and visible evidence of their investment. Oregonians depend on safe and well-maintained roads for their livelihoods and quality of life, whether driving to work, taking children to school and activities, accessing health care, delivering goods, bicycling, walking, or exploring our beautiful state. This also includes ensuring safe travel over mountain passes in snowy and icy conditions, and knowing that the state's rest areas are open, safe, and well maintained.

We believe the package reflects the core values that AAA uses to evaluate any transportation funding package including:

**Commitment to Traffic Safety** – Every investment should prioritize safety for drivers, passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and commercial operators, ensuring safer intersections, road designs, signage, and fewer serious injuries and fatalities.

**Protecting the Transportation Trust Fund** – Revenues from drivers must remain dedicated to building, maintaining, and improving transportation infrastructure, safeguarding public confidence.

**Ensuring Cost Responsibility between light and heavy vehicles** – Revenues must be fairly apportioned between light and heavy vehicles based on their actual impact, ensuring equity and validated allocation studies.

**Accountability and Transparency** – Strong oversight, measurable goals, and clear reporting are essential to ensure drivers see real value and visible results from their investment.

**Affordability for Drivers** – Any new or increased fees must consider rising household costs and avoid overburdening drivers while providing sustainable funding for Oregon's transportation needs.

Although this package isn't perfect, it does take steps to provide the stability, accountability, and measured solutions necessary to keep Oregon moving safely and efficiently.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.