



June 27, 2025

House Committee on Rules
Via OLIS

RE: Opposition to House Bill 3402-3

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazen and Pham, Members of the Committee,

As Washington County's Land Use and Transportation Director, I'm writing to alert you that Washington County opposes House Bill 3402 and the associated amendments.

We are sympathetic to the Oregon Department of Transportation's funding challenges and strongly support protecting agency jobs and capacity. But this is a stark reality that many local governments are also facing.

This bill abandons the long-standing 50/30/20 distribution of revenues from the State Highway Fund, leaving counties and cities behind at a time of growing backlogs for maintenance, safety, and modernization needs across the state. It also does nothing to advance the robust reforms needed to set our shared state, county and city transportation system up for long-term fiscal stability.

Washington County is responsible for maintaining a complex and aging 1,300-mile network of urban streets and rural roads, including 185 bridges and over 3,100 culverts. Stable, robust funding is critical to our county for routine transportation network maintenance and repairs, as well as for unexpected and expensive emergencies. To delay any investment in counties and cities is to delay investments in crucial local projects across the state.

At a minimum, HB 3402 should be amended to include counties and cities, who are responsible for the upkeep of the vast majority of road miles across the state. More work must be done before the constitutional sine die this Sunday.

We appreciate the hard work that has gone into this effort over many months and urge the legislature to continue working on HB 2025, bringing more stakeholders into the process. We urge you to pass a comprehensive transportation package that delivers for the entire state—urban, suburban, and rural alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Roberts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Roberts, AICP
Director of Land Use & Transportation

cc: Board of County Commissioners