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On Behalf Of: people of Oregon
Committee: Joint Special Session Committee On Transportation
Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3992

Members of the Committee:

My name is Kari Goodheart and I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 3992.

This bill reallocates more than \$200 million, yet very little of that funding is directed toward what Oregonians actually need: road maintenance and repair.

Under HB 2017, Oregonians were promised that gas taxes, registration fees, and transportation revenues would be used to maintain and improve our roads and highways. Instead, HB 3992 directs:

- \$196.6 million to public transportation,
- millions more to ODOT administration, compliance, and audits,
- and almost nothing to road maintenance.

This misallocation of funds comes at the very moment when ODOT is warning about layoffs, facility closures, and deferred maintenance. Communities across Oregon are already struggling with unsafe and deteriorating roads.

This is not responsible budgeting. It is a failure to prioritize the core function of our transportation system. Oregonians did not agree to higher taxes and fees so that the state could expand bureaucracy and compliance programs. They agreed so that their roads could be maintained.

I respectfully urge this committee to reject HB 3992 until the Legislature makes the necessary adjustments to HB 2017 and ensures that transportation revenue is used for its intended purpose: maintaining and repairing Oregon's roads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
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