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On Behalf Of: City of Dalles  
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My name is Richard Mays and I am Mayor in the City of The Dalles and also a member of the Board of Directors for the Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities. I am writing to express my support for the proposal to increase funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation and the State Highway Fund.

My understanding is that, should this funding be approved, our City will derive an average increase of \$343,000 per year over the next three fiscal years and a similar average amount beyond FY2028. Since our current State funding levels are currently not sufficient to adequately maintain our roads, sidewalks and those improvements necessary to comply with ADA, these additional funds would assist us greatly in providing vehicle and pedestrian transportation infrastructure to a level more sustainable to our needs.

It would be unfortunate not to allocate resources to all of Oregon's cities and counties which comprise jurisdiction over 80% of the total road miles in our state. As a Mayor who is familiar with the needs of Oregon's cities, we would all benefit from the additional funding that is proposed. In The Dalles, and in most of the other cities in Oregon, the money we receive from the SHF is our only consistent funding source for transportation improvements.

Further, I would hate to see measures implemented that would result in layoffs or ODOT facility closures which would impact our local economy. Also, effecting maintenance on highways that intersect with The Dalles, such as Interstate 84 and Route 197, would be a huge concern.

In conclusion, the proposed DOT/SHF funding proposal represents a form of revenue sharing with cities and counties - those agencies responsible for 80% of the total road miles in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.