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34th Mayor of Beaverton

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Joint Special Session Committee on Transportation Funding
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support with Amendments for HB 3991

President Wagner, Speaker Fahey, and members of the Joint Special Committee on Transportation Funding,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Beaverton to express our support for HB 3991 during the 2025 Special Legislative Session. This package is a crucial stop-gap measure to ensure that road maintenance can continue on both state and local roadways and to avoid layoffs. While the city supports the short-term solution provided in HB 3991, we also seek a commitment from the committee to reconvene in 2027 to pass a long-term solution addressing the state's growing transportation needs and the inadequacy of the State Highway Fund.

The city appreciates the committee's efforts to include local governments in HB 3991, recognizing our contribution to the statewide transportation system. Maintaining the 50-30-20 funding distribution between the state and local governments is essential for the continued maintenance and operation of our local infrastructure. Beaverton's maintenance needs are dire, with a \$5.5 million annual funding gap to maintain our roads. Currently, Beaverton's roads are rated at 72 out of 100 on the pavement condition index (PCI) and are projected to decline to 63 by 2029 without additional investment. The lower the pavement rating, the more expensive the repairs. At this rate, Beaverton will never have enough revenue to maintain local streets and will spend all available funding trying to keep the city's main arterials and collectors in safe condition for vehicle, bike, and pedestrian traffic.

Beaverton is bisected by State Highways 10 and 8, which run through the city's downtown core with high traffic volumes and speeds. The pavement has long outlived its useful life, and there are frequent sidewalk gaps and accessibility concerns. ODOT has indicated that it will not be able to address these issues with



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current funding levels. In the meantime, lives are at risk, and the cost to restore the significant damage continues to increase. While the package helps address the immediate threat of layoffs and service reductions, it is insufficient to meet the severe backlog of maintenance on both state and local roads. We urge the legislature to commit to reconvening this conversation in 2027 to develop a more comprehensive solution.

In this larger package, we hope to have a more robust conversation about the long-term stability of the State Highway Fund and how to hold the State accountable for the projects and infrastructure under its care. As part of this conversation, Beaverton would like to explore an expedited certification pilot for federal project delivery that would allow local governments more control over their projects and offload administrative burdens from ODOT. Beaverton has continuously proven capable of delivering federal projects through various federally funded water, housing, and civic projects completed in the last five years alone, including an \$82 million loan to increase the capacity and reliability of Beaverton's water system.

Finally, it is imperative that the larger package includes funding for Safe Routes to School and Great Streets programs to increase walking and biking to and from schools and promote context-sensitive roadways.

We strongly support HB 3991 as a necessary measure to address immediate funding concerns and look forward to working with the legislature on a long-term solution that meets the needs of Oregonians and our shared transportation system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lacey Beaty
Mayor of Beaverton