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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee:

My name is Jamie Hartmann, and I live in Tigard, Oregon. I'm testifying today because I support a 2025 transportation package that works for all Oregonians and reflects our shared values of safety, affordability, equity, and climate resilience. In particular, I urge you to fully fund public transit improvements and safety infrastructure like Safe Routes to School and Oregon Community Paths.

Oregon's communities need a better transportation system that is healthy, affordable, and safe. Imagine an Oregon where we all have the freedom to choose how we get to work, school, or the doctor without risking our safety. Where kids can walk or bike to school safely and reliably. Where public transit gets you there and back on time—without stress or added cost. Relatively small investments now can have huge long-term benefits for all Oregonians, while improving our economy, environment, and public health.

It's essential to pass a transportation package that:

Invests deeply in public transit, and

Funds safety-first infrastructure in rapidly growing suburban areas like Tigard.

As a Tigard resident, I see firsthand how limited transit options and gaps in pedestrian infrastructure make it harder for families, youth, and seniors to get around safely without a car. In many neighborhoods, sidewalks are incomplete or unsafe, and crossing busy streets can be dangerous, especially for kids walking or biking to school.

Reliable, affordable public transit and walkable communities are not luxuries—they're necessities. More investment in TriMet service, youth fare programs, and safe street design would make a real, positive impact in my community.

If we're asking Oregonians to invest more, it's our duty to ensure that investment creates a future where everyone can move freely and safely. That means:

Funding programs like Safe Routes to School and Oregon Community Paths, which directly improve safety and access for our kids and neighborhoods.

Lowering household costs by expanding fare-free transit for youth and investing in alternatives to driving that save on gas, maintenance, and time.

We can't afford to wait. Let's build a future where every Oregonian—urban, suburban, and rural—has access to safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation. I urge you to pass a 2025 transportation package that moves Oregon forward.

Sincerely,
Jamie Hartmann
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