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Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members

My name is Claudia Morales, and I live in Washington County. I am 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.

The problem I and many other neighbors face is the lack of street signs, which causes heavy traffic in our neighborhood.

I live in Beaverton, in a residential area where many seniors and children live, who go for walks and play in nearby parks. I am a teacher and run a childcare center, and when we go for walks, there is always the fear of speeding cars because there are no street signs in my neighborhood.

There are two main avenues, Cedar Hills and Murray, located near the neighborhood, and when these avenues are busy, motorists detour to nearby residential streets, such as Park Way Avenue in Beaverton. This street is a danger because there are insufficient speed signs for cars, there are no crosswalks for people walking in the neighborhood or those walking to the park, and there are no speed bumps to slow down cars.

Supporting this campaign will be very important for everyone in my neighborhood, avoiding the danger all this causes—for children walking to the park, young people leaving school, and older adults going for walks. It will improve their quality of life, allowing them to go out freely without fear of being hit, and allowing them to walk safely to the park.

When children can walk or bike to school safely, they gain independence, stay active, and get better grades.

Funding more Safe Routes to Schools benefits not only students, but also our grandparents, teachers, and neighbors, who depend on safe routes for transportation, exercise, and recreation.

Thank you for your time and allowing us to share the needs of my community.