

Mayor
Honorable Lori DeRemer



City Manager
Jason A. Tuck, ICMA-CM

June 7, 2017

Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown
Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support HB 2017-3

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City Council, I want to thank the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization for listening to all the stakeholder groups this past year and developing a comprehensive transportation funding strategy. I urge your support for HB 2017, noting that a statewide solution for infrastructure funding is critical for life safety and economic prosperity. Absent new funding, local roadways will deteriorate, interrupting the movement of commerce and threatening the integrity of lifeline routes. Without substantial investment, the time spent in congestion throughout the Metro region is forecasted to triple by 2040.

As presented, HB 2017-3 institutes significant investments to assist cities as they address the challenges facing the local portion of the state's transportation network. For example, Happy Valley maintains over 135 lane miles and two bridges. The existing funding shortfall requires the City to defer 44 percent of roadway maintenance and all maintenance of residential roadways, resulting in a maintenance backlog in excess of \$5 million and growing by \$750,000 per year. Additional investment in the State Highway Fund will proportionally alleviate the City's maintenance backlog.

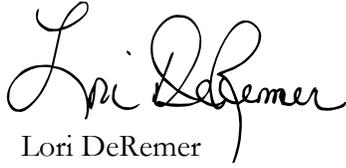
Further, the creation of a Metro Congestion Relief District would enable our region to accommodate recent population surges. The congestion our residents currently experience stifles the growth of local industrial and commercial sectors, which are heavily reliant on the viability of freight movement, and delays the development of land being annexed to Happy Valley from the area formerly known as the City of Damascus. Specifically, access to the Clackamas Industrial Area is severely affected by congestion and safety problems on OR-212/OR-224. Further investment in Sunrise Phase II would divert 8,000 additional vehicle trips per day and reduce peak congestion vehicle delay by 35 percent. Projects like Sunrise Phase II, however, require significant financial support. In addition to resolving the Metro region's three major bottlenecks, congestion relief districts are a viable solution to investing in future pipeline projects such as Sunrise Phase II.

The City of Happy Valley is grateful to the many leaders who participated in the development of HB 2017-3 and applauds the Joint Committee on Transportation for its consideration of robust and sustainable solutions to transportation funding. The Committee's decisive action will stem the degradation of critical infrastructure and enable new economic growth.

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We appreciate your dedication to addressing Oregon's transportation challenges and urge a DO-PASS recommendation for HB 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori DeRemer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lori DeRemer
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