



February 12, 2018

House Committee on Transportation Policy
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 4063: Permits operation of autonomous vehicles on highways in this state under certain circumstances.

Dear Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Vial, and members of the Committee on Transportation Policy,

The City of Beaverton supports House Bill 4063, which would allow the operation of commercial autonomous vehicles on Oregon highways with additional motor vehicle liability insurance policies. Like many growing communities, Beaverton believes efficient transportation options are of the utmost importance and is eager to be among the regional leaders in implementing smart technology that would improve public services like transportation. This bill would pave the way for private/public partnerships that would spur investment in "last mile" transportation options that could include autonomous vehicles.

In our review of the bill, there are areas where we believe clarity is needed, including ensuring that local governments are well represented on the task force that would develop future autonomous vehicle legislation. We also recommend that the Oregon Transportation Commission consider all aspects of a pilot testing program, including permitting and insurance, and not just focus on "voluntary testing reports" as directed in the current bill. Finally, clarification is needed that local governments are not preempted from developing their own pilot programs, or regulations until we have strong statewide policies that are developed in coordination with local governments.

House Bill 4063, lays the ground work in policy to open opportunities with autonomous vehicles in Oregon. Beaverton is looking forward to working with our regional partners and being part of implementing and advancing connected, autonomous vehicle technology in the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Twete". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Twete
Community Development Director