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Recommendations to Use Oregon’s Autonomous Vehicle Work to Further Existing State of Oregon Goals

The Land Use Subcommittee recommends the State of Oregon’s work to integrate automated vehicles into its transportation system makes certain to:

1. Set the safety of people using the roadways as its first priority, supporting Oregon’s Transportation Plan, Transportation Safety Action Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, ODOT’s Key Performance Measures for safety, and ODOT’s mission of zero fatal and serious injuries by 2035.

2. Take advantage of key opportunities to meet its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions under 2017 ORS 468A.205. This may include giving preferences to lower-polluting forms of travel, creating incentives for lower-polluting travel by autonomous vehicles (such as electric vehicles or high-occupancy trips), and exploring options to reduce overall trips.

3. Further (and avoid undermining) the goals of the Oregon Public Transportation Plan, particularly equity, mobility, and funding.

4. Further the goals of the Oregon Transportation Plan, particularly funding the transportation system, mobility and accessibility, sustainability and economic vitality.

5. Support Oregon’s Land Use Planning Goals, particularly housing, transportation, and urbanization goals.

6. Emphasize Business Oregon’s Strategic Plan Priorities, particularly in innovation and growth of small and middle-market companies.