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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 9, 2025

To: Oregon Transportation Commission

From: Oregon Transportation Safety Committee

RE: Oregon Department of Transportation Budget

Whereas the legislature failed to adopt the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) budget [failure of House Bill 2025 and House Bill 3402]; and

Whereas the devastating downstream consequences of massive layoffs resulting from this failure will affect all regions and all populations of the State of Oregon; and

Whereas the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee believes that traffic safety is intertwined with the areas of ODOT impacted by these layoffs and public safety will be eroded significantly; and

Whereas the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee believes that the Oregon Transportation Commission has the legal and moral authority to advocate for the needs of all Oregonians in this arena;

Therefore, the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee implores the Oregon Transportation Commission to make all efforts to prepare for and advocate for the Governor calling a special session of the legislature to approve an ODOT budget and restore staffing levels as soon as possible.

Dated this ninth day of July, 2025.

Signed, Oregon Transportation Safety Committee members:

Chair Victor Hoffer

Matthew Bathke

Jane Aiken

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Roger Kuhlman

Cc: The Honorable Governor Tina Kotek