

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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## First Meeting of Transportation Committee Statewide Tour to be at Portland Community College

## The public is invited to testify at the Portland meeting of the 12-stop Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour

**SALEM, Ore. –** Today, the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation announced that Portland Community College will be the venue for the <u>first meeting</u> of the Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour.

"We are excited to start hearing directly from Oregonians across the state about how we can maintain a safe, stable, and efficient multimodal transportation system for years to come," said **Sen. Chris Gorsek (D - Troutdale)** and **Rep. Susan McLain (D - Hillsboro, Forest Grove, and Cornelius)**, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation. "Each stop on this tour is going to give us a greater perspective of the transportation needs in Oregon and how best to tackle the structural challenges we are facing."

The public hearing will be held on June 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus Moriarty Auditorium at 705 N. Killingsworth Street. It will also be available via livestream on olis.oregonlegislature.gov.

Members of the public interested in testifying can register in person starting 30 minutes before the meeting begins. The committee will also hear remote testimony if time permits, which the public can register for on the committee's webpage at olis.oregonlegislature.gov. Additionally, written testimony can be submitted to the committee via email to JCT.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov.

Preceding the meeting, members of the committee will take a guided trip of transportation facilities in the Portland metro area and hold a roundtable discussion,

which will help them understand the transportation needs of that region through the expertise and lived experience of local partners and officials.

Perspectives and information gathered by the committee during its 12-stop tour will inform legislators as they develop a plan in the 2025 session to maintain critical infrastructure, complete work on major projects, and guarantee the safety and diversity of transportation systems across the state.

The committee is vice-chaired by **Sen. Brian Boquist (R - rural Polk and Yamhill counties)** and **Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis (R - Albany, Millersburg, and Tangent)**. The full membership of the committee can be viewed on olis.oregonlegislature.gov.

The complete tour agenda <u>was announced on May 10</u>; venues will be announced prior to each tour stop.

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