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HB 2659 doesn't reflect the needs of Oregonians. Citizens want to local governments in the State's eight metropolitan areas to aggressively reduce their climate damaging emissions. Rather than attempt to undermine the Climate Friendly Rules, the legislature should be directing ODOT to follow suit and make its highways (not interstate) highways safe, convenient, and practical to ride a bicycle or walk. ODOT is undermining responsible cities by resisting the addition of protected bike lanes or requiring that the cities to accept jurisdiction as a precondition of adding them.

We are in a crisis. Dedicate the funding that is needed to ensure that all the cities within the State's metropolitan areas have the resources they need to meet or exceed the requirements included in the Climate Friendly Rules. Local governments need your support and demonstration of confidence in their abilities to address the challenge in both the scope of their actions as well as in their urgency.

Show your understanding of the planet altering time that we are living in. It is time for action not reaction.