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April 13, 2015

Representative McKeown, Chair
Committee Members
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2464 – Multi-Modal Transportation Funding

Dear Chair McKeown and Committee Members:

1000 Friends of Oregon is a 40-year old, non-profit, statewide organization. We advocate for livable urban and rural communities, protecting family farms and forests, and conserving natural areas, through the implementation and improvement of Oregon's land use planning program. Oregon's land use program includes Goal 12, Transportation. 1000 Friends advocates for integrating land use and transportation planning, including providing choice in how Oregonians get around – by car, bike, foot, transit, and train.

1000 Friends supports HB 2464, which would authorize issuance of lottery bonds for transportation projects funded from the Multimodal Transportation *ConnectOregon* Fund in 2015-2017 biennium. We support the Oregon Transportation Forum's request of \$100 million for this fund.

Oregon's constitution prevents the state's Highway Trust Fund from being used to build non-roadway transportation projects. Therefore, *ConnectOregon* has been very popular in communities around the entire state, of all sizes, because past iterations of this program have funded important local projects that otherwise get no funding from the Highway Trust Fund - such as sidewalks improvements, bicycle lanes, transit stops, safe routes to schools, and other non-roadway projects.

Oregon's transportation system needs increased investment in all transportation modes to move both people and goods. *ConnectOregon* program is a critical component of funding a full transportation system for the state and its communities.

We urge a "yes" vote on HB 2464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Policy Director and Staff Attorne