



SAFE COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS

Safe Community Highways for All Oregonians (HB 2846)

The State of Oregon has a vast collection of Highways. These highways are viewed as a system, each separate Highway serving as a connector to another Highway. The intent of this system of Highways is to move freight and commerce throughout the State of Oregon.

As markets and traffic capacity change, new Highways are added, and freight routing is changed. As a result, some existing Highways no longer serve a statewide function. **These existing Highways are not prioritized**

for maintenance and are neglected. The impact to the towns and cities that rely on these undermaintained Highways is significant. Many of these Highways look and act like city streets or county roads. These community Highways are critical to the success of our communities; serving as the main business district in towns throughout Oregon, allowing transport of local goods to market, and connecting city and towns together.

Safe and well-maintained roads are one of our most important public assets. Poorly maintained roads put the lives of Oregonians at risk. **We need to make community Highways safe to travel on.**

HB 2846 will....

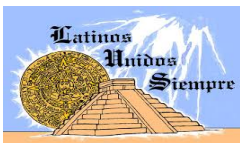
- Passing Safe Community Highways for All Oregonians will allow communities throughout Oregon to assume control of candidate Highways through jurisdictional transfer.
- This legislation solves the problem of individual communities legislating for jurisdictional transfer on their own.
- This Act allows all communities in Oregon with candidate Highways to work together to develop strategies for jurisdictional transfer.
- Through passage of this Act, local communities can correctly prioritize the safety and maintenance needs of these important roadways. We need to allow communities to decide how these neglected and dangerous community Highways are maintained and designed.



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