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House Committee on Transportation Policy Representative Caddy McKeown, Chair 900 Court Street NE, Room 431 Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 2745 – Transit Funding

Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee:

Redmond, Oregon is a community of nearly 28,000 located in the center of a cluster of cities including Prineville, Madras, Sisters, Bend, and Lapine. Our proximity has made us the choice for a new transit hub which is being funded in part through *ConnectOregon* resources.

Connectivity through transit is an emerging public policy issue for all of our cities. The City of Redmond is supportive of the changes being requested through HB 2745. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) has taken thoughtful approach to analyzing transit needs in Central Oregon. The recommended changes to ORS 190 brings flexibility that allows Redmond taxpayers the opportunity to determine when and how they want to make an investment in transit.

Sincerely;

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