

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my full and complete support, as a citizen of Salem, for the proposal to study and develop a municipal streetcar or light rail system in our city. This is the first and necessary step in creating the more robust public transit infrastructure that our capital city deserves. In order to meet our climate goals and to serve needs of our citizens and our visitors, we cannot afford to miss this opportunity. I fully expect that naysayers will decry the cost, but not acting now will only create immeasurable expense to be dealt with later. Spending on important items such as transit infrastructure is money well spent in securing the future we deserve. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Evan West