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OREGON STATE SENATE/SENADO DEL ESTADO DE OREGON

Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Co-Vice Chair Boquist, Co-Vice Chair Boshart Davis, and honorable members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

For the record, my name is Deb Patterson, State Senator from District 10, which includes South Salem, West Salem, Monmouth, and Independence. I am writing to you today with testimony on HB 3224 to study the feasibility of developing a rail streetcar system in the City of Salem.

Local transit services provide numerous benefits to local communities. They increase community connectivity, reduce traffic congestion, and contribute to improving air quality. Expanding public transportation also helps communities fight climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.

Next month, my district will mark the official rollout of the MI Trolley, a new local transit service that will link downtown Independence, downtown Monmouth, and the Western Oregon University (WOU) campus. The trolley will help residents connect to local job opportunities, increase community engagement, and help WOU students travel to and from campus.

I encourage the committee to help expand local transit services and other alternative modes of transportation. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Patterson