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Joint Committee on Transportation:

The City of Woodburn supports SB 1572, which would study extending the Westside Express Service Commuter (WES) line to Salem, with stops in Donald, Woodburn, and Keizer.

With both increasing population and traffic congestion, along with potential tolling of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metro region, our commuting residents and their employers could benefit from a study regarding the costs and benefits of providing a public transit option for commuting between the Salem metropolitan area and the greater Portland metro area.

The City of Woodburn requests your support in passing SB 1572 and the study to extend the WES commuter rail line to Salem.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Frank Lonergan, Mayor
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