

CITY OF HUBBARD

3720 2nd Street • P.O. Box 380 Hubbard, Oregon 97032

503-981-9633 Fax: 503-981-8743
www.cityofhubbard.org



February 12, 2024

Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for SB 1572 WES Extension Commuter Services to Salem

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Vice-Chair Boshart Davis and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the City of Hubbard, we wish to extend our support for SB 1572, for a Study of the Extension of Commuter Rail Services to serve our communities in Marion County. The City of Hubbard supports the creation of a multi-organizational task force – the Westside Express Advisor Committee – composed of local governments, transit agencies, railroads, and public interest groups to study extending the current rush-hour-only Westside Express Service (WES) commuter train from the current southern terminus in Wilsonville for 31 miles to Salem, with stops in Donald, Woodburn, and Keizer.

The bill calls for ODOT to report back to the legislature in December 2024 with study findings and recommendations. A similar bill during the 2023 session, HB 2662-A passed unanimously by the Joint Committee on Transportation. The City of Hubbard supports and is willing to continue to support this regional study as noted in the Bills' language.

We thank you for your consideration of this legislation and look forward to working with our neighboring communities to help study future transit needs.

The City of Hubbard respectfully urge a DO PASS vote by the Joint Committee on Transportation on SB 1572.

Sincerely,

Charles Rostoci, Mayor

cc: Shawn Waite, City Administrator