

Hello Joint Committee on Transportation,

I'm testifying in favor of Senate Bill 1572, which would direct ODOT to study extending Trimet's WES commuter rail from Wilsonville to Salem, and to increase operating hours and frequency. I think we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to seize on an underutilized freight corridor which can provide competitive service with driving trips (see below). The biggest problem is that, currently, WES service is much too infrequent (every 45 minutes since COVID), only operates at odd hours (during peak commute hours only), and between destinations that no one has any reason to visit (mostly suburban office parks and parking lots).

COVID and mass work-from-home have disrupted travel patterns, with less people commuting from suburbs to offices and more people taking leisure trips or appointments throughout the day (Trimet knows this and has been altering service through the Forward Together concept to serve more diverse kinds of trips).

Day-long service between Beaverton and Salem, with stops in communities such as Woodburn & Keizer, could be transformative for local communities, many of whom have historically been excluded from jobs in the Portland/Salem area, and who will need reliable transportation alternatives as congestion slows down i-5 in the future.

The state should consider buying this trackage off Portland & Western Railroad, as it does not see much freight traffic (See below; in publicly available FRA documents, around 7-12 non-WES trains run this corridor north of Wilsonville every day). Most freight rail traffic comes from the east, not the south; and what little comes from the south travels east of the Willamette River anyways (see below). This track only serves a few small users in Washington County who could easily be negotiated with.

This track could provide real transportation for the growing Mid-Willamette Valley rather than lie mostly unused. Perhaps we could even study expanding the Right-of-Way and adding MAX Light Rail Service south to Washington Square, Tigard, and the proposed MLB development at the Red Tail golf course site. There are massive climate, equity, and traffic safety benefits we are leaving on the table by not studying this today. This bill would be a major win for the state of Oregon and I don't think there is any sort of downside! Please move forward and pass SB 1572 today!

Thank you for your time,

Jordan Lewis

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Beaverton Transit Center, Beaverton, OR 97005

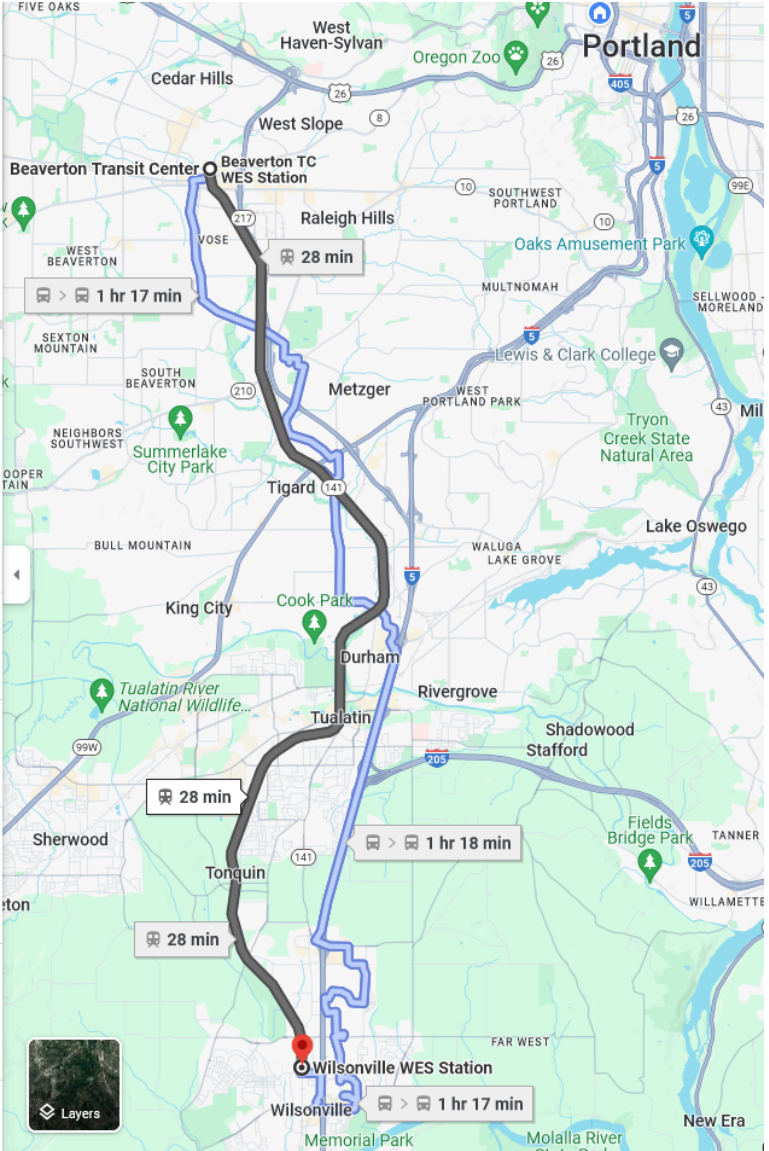
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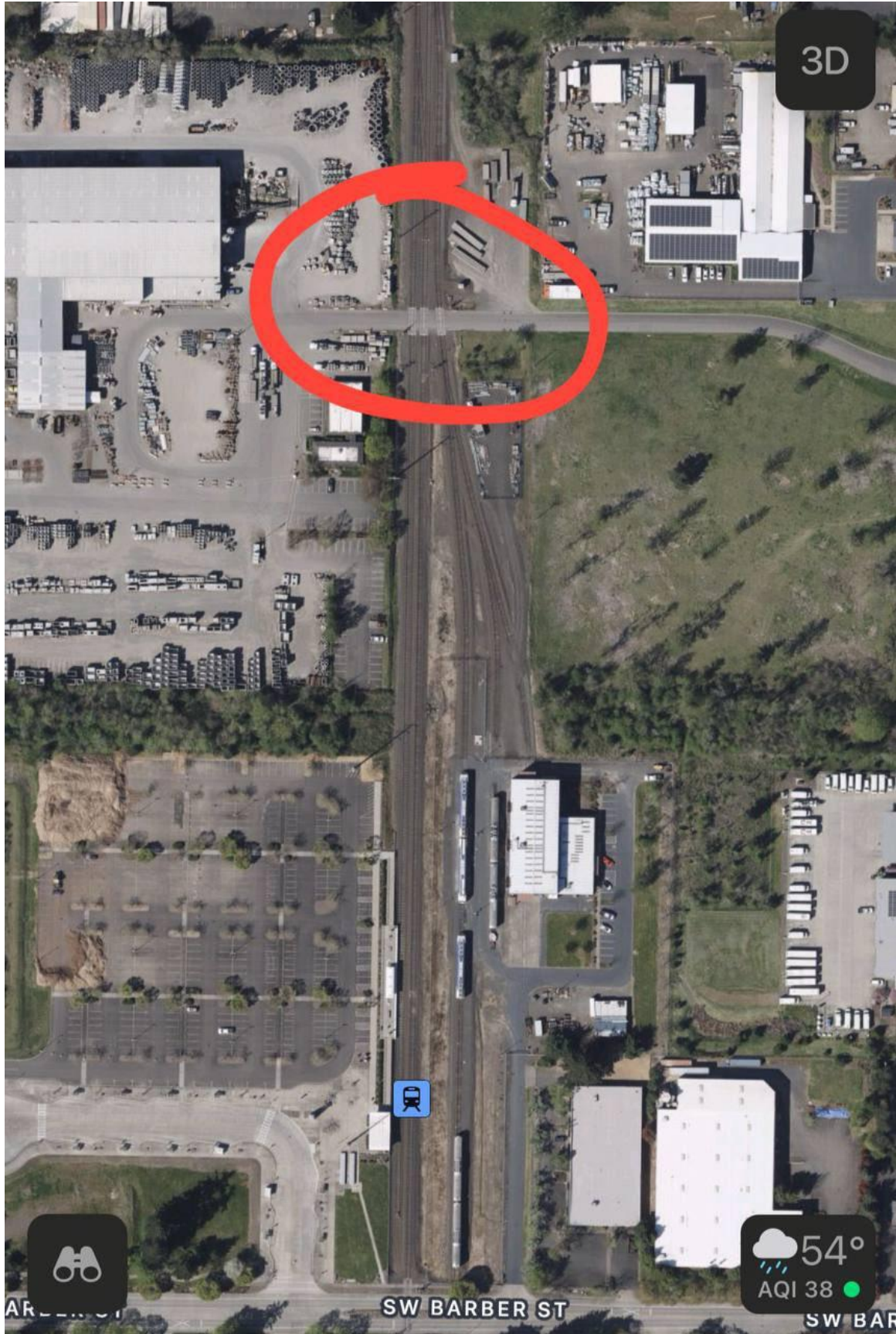
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U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OMB No. 2130-0017

Instructions for the initial reporting of the following types of new or previously unreported crossings: For public highway-rail grade crossings, complete the entire inventory Form. For private highway-rail grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For public pathway grade crossings (including pedestrian station grade crossings), complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For Private pathway grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For grade-separated highway-rail or pathway crossings (including pedestrian station crossings), complete the Header, Part I, and the Submission Information section. For changes to existing data, complete the Header, Part I Items 1-3, and the Submission Information section, in addition to the updated data fields. Note: For private crossings only, Part I Item 20 and Part III Item 2.K. are required unless otherwise noted. An asterisk * denotes an optional field.

A. Revision Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 07 / 07 / 2023	B. Reporting Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	C. Reason for Update (Select only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction	D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number 926882F
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Primary Operating Railroad Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. [PNWR]		2. State OREGON		3. County CLACKAMAS	
4. City / Municipality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Near WILSONVILLE		5. Street/Road Name & Block Number UTILITY VAULT (Street/Road Name) * (Block Number)		6. Highway Type & No. PRIVATE	
7. Do Other Railroads Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR			8. Do Other Railroads Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR TMEV		
9. Railroad Division or Region <input type="checkbox"/> None central		10. Railroad Subdivision or District <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> E		11. Branch or Line Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	
12. RR Milepost 3E 0041.89 (prefix) (nnnn.nnn) (suffix)		13. Line Segment 3E-4189		14. Nearest RR Timetable Station CP WILSONVILLE	
15. Parent RR (if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		16. Crossing Owner (if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		17. Crossing Type <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
18. Crossing Purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway, Ped. <input type="checkbox"/> Station, Ped.		19. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over		20. Public Access (if Private Crossing) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
21. Type of Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Use Train <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist/Other		22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day 32		23. Type of Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Military	
24. Is there an Adjacent Crossing with a Separate Number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Crossing Number			25. Quiet Zone (FRA provided) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hr <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Excluded Date Established		
26. HSR Corridor ID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		27. Latitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnn) 45.3136781		28. Longitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnn) -122.775212	
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30.B. Railroad Use *		31.B. State Use *		30.C. Railroad Use *	
31.C. State Use *		30.D. Railroad Use *		31.D. State Use *	
32.A. Narrative (Railroad Use) *		32.B. Narrative (State Use) *		33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. (posted) 800-800-2203	
34. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.) 800-800-2203		35. State Contact (Telephone No.) 541-250-6788		36. State Contact (Telephone No.)	

Part II: Railroad Information

1. Estimated Number of Daily Train Movements				
1.A. Total Day Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM) 19	1.B. Total Night Thru Trains (6 PM to 6 AM) 18	1.C. Total Switching Trains 12	1.D. Total Transit Trains 0	1.E. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day How many trains per week? <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Year of Train Count Data (YYYY) 2019		3. Speed of Train at Crossing 3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed (mph) 40 3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) From 0 to 40		
4. Type and Count of Tracks Main 2 Siding 0 Yard 1 Transit 0 Industry 0				
5. Track Type (Main Track only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning <input type="checkbox"/> IAFO <input type="checkbox"/> PTC <input type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None				
6. Is Track Signaled? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7.A. Event Recorder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7.B. Remote Health Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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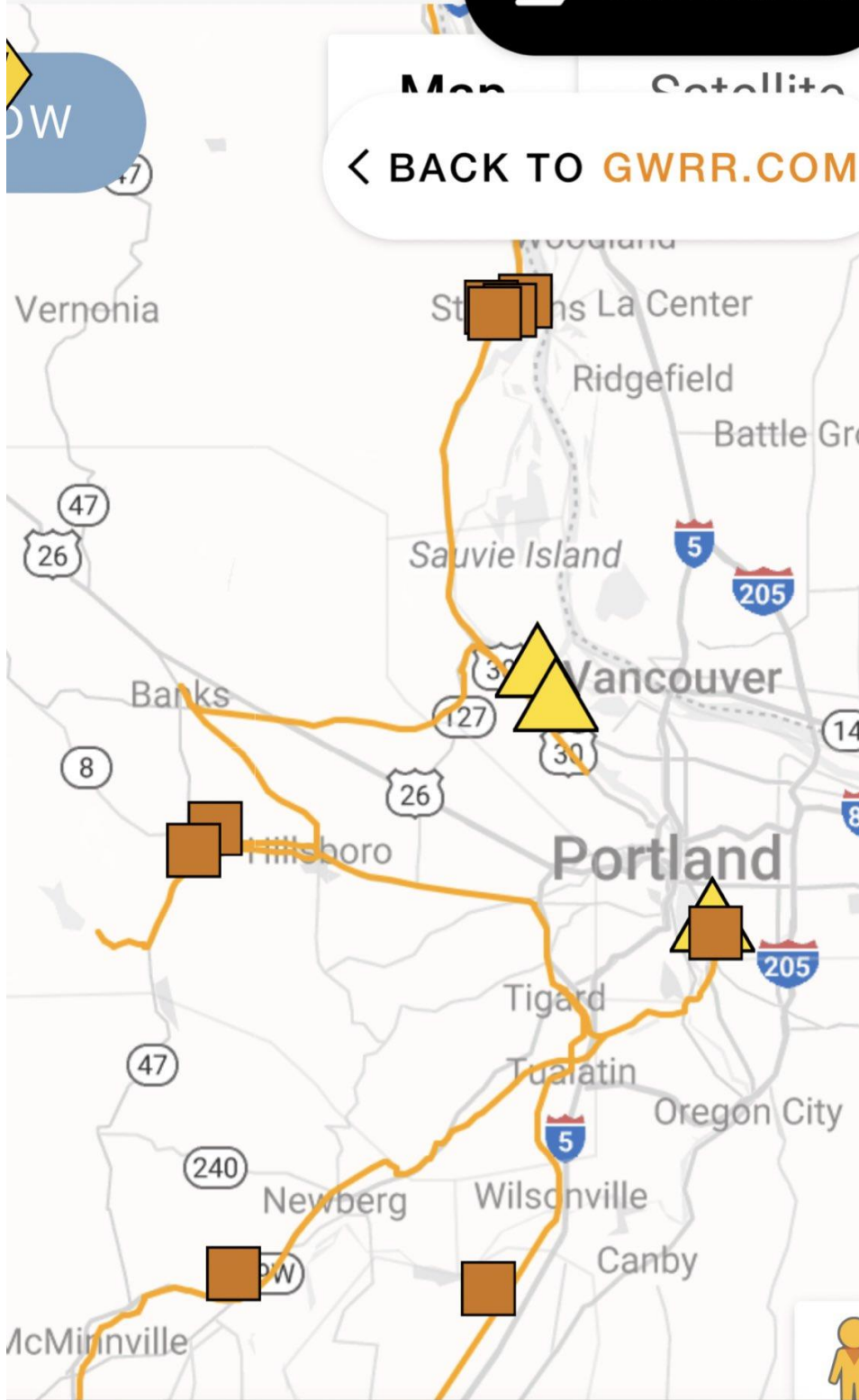
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