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Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Committee:

Although the proposed extension would occur largely outside the jurisdictional boundary of Metro, such a study is consistent with Metro goals, as documented in the recently adopted 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to promote both local and regional interconnectivity by expanding transit options.

I am proud to represent Wilsonville and their aspirations for connectivity on the Metro Council. Although not a specific Metro legislative priority, I want to urge passage of SB 1572 to conduct this study as part of creating a transportation vision connecting the Metro area to Salem and the Willamette Valley. Passage of this bill is consistent with the transportation goals of both Wilsonville and its transportation provider, SMART. Completion of this study will also be critical in identifying potential improvements to the Beaverton-Wilsonville WES commuter system currently in place.

I urge consideration and passage of this forward-looking study.

Respectfully,

Gerritt Rosenthal
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