

Submitter: Paul Diller
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3233

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek and Co-Chair McLain:

I strongly support the passage of House Bill 3233. I am a frequent commuter throughout the Willamette Valley. I commuted from Portland to Salem for 9 years, from Wilsonville to Salem for another 10, and for a few months from Wilsonville to Eugene. Through it all I have seen how limited the options are for getting through the entire Willamette Valley by public transit and how much potential there is for better and expanded options. I-5 is already at capacity at many chokepoints so it is essential that the state and region develop efficient and environmentally sound alternatives for transportation through the region. It only takes one semi overturning on I-5 for everyone's commute to be messed up, even if you are on a bus. It is great that we have Amtrak Cascades service but it is not sufficiently frequent within Oregon, it could be faster, and it is often delayed by freight rail. It would also be great to have better and faster connections to Seattle and Vancouver. For more detailed impressions of my commute from Wilsonville to Eugene and opportunities for improvement, I refer you to the following Substack post:

<https://dilleradollar.substack.com/p/commuting-from-wilsonville-to-eugene?r=7no1h>.

Thank you for your leadership and please support House Bill 3233.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Diller