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I've been fortunate to be able to travel and live in numerous midsize to large cities both in the US and abroad. Having a functional and accessible rail system that connects nearby cities has been so important as a student and commuter in these cities. I grew up in Oregon and love it with all my heart, and it is embarrassing that we invest so little into this critical infrastructure that so many other cities are already doing and doing well. This measure seems like a great way to begin to rectify this issue and catch up to similar US cities, while providing resources to mitigate our adverse impact on wildlife and the environment that our transportation causes.