

RE: Bill 3453

I am writing to express my support for Bill 3453

YES to establishing a Westside Express Service (WES) Authority to advance the development and operations of commuter rail in the Willamette Valley.

This efficient transportation system is long overdue. Connecting the largest cities is one of the best ideas for Oregon, providing the funding is sustainable. During our current economic struggles, the ability to sustain the service once built is a crucial consideration.

Please vote yes on bill 3453.

Sincerely,

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