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To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

We homeowners that live behind the "Wilsonville curtain" would love the chance to have an Oregon commuter rail that would provide a reliable car-free option for the Willamette Valley and reduce congestion and greenhouse-gas emissions from intercity travel in Oregon.

I absolutely support establishing Westside Express Service (WES) Authority to advance the development and operations of commuter rail in the Willamette Valley. And a future extension to Eugene. Think of how many young college students would also benefit from modern rail service.

Here is a sample list of how far Portland is from Oregon's capital, and the beautiful wine country in Willamette Valley:

- Amtrak Portland - 48 miles from Salem
- PDX Airport Portland - 53 miles from Salem
- TriMet Transit Wilsonville - 32 miles from Salem
- Kaiser Westside Hillsboro - 46 miles from Salem
- Kaiser Sunnyside Clackamas - 45 miles from Salem
- OHSU Portland - 46 miles from Salem
- Providence St Vincent - 45 miles from Salem
- Ken's Artisan Pizza - 48 miles from Salem
- Pioneer Square Portland - 47 miles from Salem
- Portland Art Museum - 47 miles from Salem
- Powell's Book Store - 48 miles from Salem
- Bridgeport Village - 38 miles from Salem
- Living Room Theatre - 47 miles from Salem
- DeNicola's Italian Restaurant - 47 miles from Salem
- Cinema 21 Portland - 48 miles from Salem
- Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall - 47 miles from Salem
- Keller Auditorium - 53 miles from Salem
- Ritz-Carlton - 47 miles from Salem
- McMenamins Mission Theatre - 48 miles from Salem
- Eugene Airport - 54 miles from Salem
- OSU Reser Stadium Corvallis - 38 miles from Salem / 96 miles from Portland
- UO Autzen Stadium - 64 miles from Salem / 122 miles from Portland

Intercity rail in the Willamette Valley would help the housing crisis, because we have many vacant commercial businesses that could rebuild on those properties with affordable housing for the greater Portland area.

Look to future focused communities for how Oregon can enhance the distance and frequency of the Westside Express Service (WES) operations!

Thank You