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As a resident of Beaverton who commutes to Canby two to three days a week, having more frequent train options would undoubtedly help me make the choice of utilizing WES rather than driving my personal vehicle.

By expanding the AWES service to Eugene, there is better public transit option for residents taking the train to view OSU and UofO sports events who may otherwise opt to drive while inebriated.

The US in general has lagged well behind other developed countries in support of basic public transit options for residents and tourists. By choosing to expand our services to other large population centers, we can help make the State of Oregon that much more accommodating and put a better foot forward.

Public transit is a need for low-income workers and those with differently-abled bodies. For low income workers, an expanded service area gives them a larger pool of potential employment that would otherwise be outside of their access. For the differently-abled, it gives them the potential for travel to area that would be inaccessible without the expense and maintenance of a vehicle.