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I'm writing in support of creating the Oregon Rail and Transit Department. Oregon is a beautiful state—one that I would like to explore more of, including different cities and small towns. However, I'm currently carless and stuck to taveling up and down the current Amtrak line. And there's no currently no way for me to go east or west along I-84. This is a huge obstacle for me wanting to visit friends or just see the state where I reside. I think setting up the Oregon Rail and Transit Department is a phenomenal plan to establish and agency to create and manage these transportation opportunities. More than that, we need to establish dedicated funding so the organization will flourish and bring economic opportunity to more Oregonians—especially Oregonians in small towns.

Thank you!