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My wife and I run a destination venue in Eastern Oregon that brings musicians and audiences to Baker City all year long. Over 50% of our annual audience comes from over 100 miles away. To have a convenient way for travelers come to our town would help increase our attendance. Personally I would love to be able to travel by train to and from Portland, as I have had a retina detach, which requires me to drive or be driven to PDX for my surgery and checkups. Besides having a schedule my trips when I have someone to take me and pick me up would be wonderful. I fully support the .5% tax to cover the cost of sustaining and growing public transit in all of Oregon.