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I would like to see an expansion of the max system/WES Rail revitalization. I think it would benefit the state if the WES rail would change to a standard max light rail, and be extended down to Salem. I also think that the board should consider adding a new line that adds stops along the Columbia Gorge, this can help reduce traffic and parking in the most popular parks without compromising tourism numbers.

Also to add, extending the green line down to Lake Oswego is also another totally valid option, and should be considered again.

While ridership rates have remained low and haven't gone back to pre-pandemic levels, these extensions could help by increasing area coverage for potential riders.