

Submitter: Kathy Lincoln

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To Co-chairs McLain and Gorsek and members of the committee:

I urge you to support HB 2025. The increase in STIF funding which is proposed in this bill will prevent significant cuts to public transit service all over Oregon. I live in Keizer and we are very fortunate to have reliable, safe and clean public transit provided by the Salem Area Mass Transit District - Cherriots. I served on the board of Cherriots for a few years and know how well it is managed and how efficient the service is. However, without increases in funding, our transit systems will struggle to continue to provide this level of service. A robust mass transit system is critical for any community. It provides a vital transportation option for those who do not drive or cannot afford a car, or a second car. Public transportation also reduces the congestion on our streets and roads from single occupancy vehicles. Each bus over a bridge can replace 10 - 15 cars or more and makes a morning commute much less stressful. A reduction in vehicles on the roads and bridges also reduces maintenance and repair costs for cities and the state. Adequate funding for public transit makes sense in so many ways. Please support HB 2025.

Thank you.