

Submitter: James Richardson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

I write today in support of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025. The increased funding for the STIF program in this package will help prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon.

I make use of TriMet when visiting Portland, including my work with several non-profits in the city. I also use TriMet going to and from the airport (both for business and personal travel). With Intel implementing its return to office policy in September, I expect to use TriMet services more often when working out of the Jones Farm campus. I would make more use of regional transit in Yamhill County with increased connections to both Portland, Hillsboro, and Salem, but current transit schedules make this difficult.

I have friends that have recently moved to Portland or considering relocating when employment opportunities are available. They all have cited TriMet as a reason for choosing Portland as their new home. Cutting funds to regional transit would not help Portland grow its population going forward.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see, it will prevent Oregonians like me from being stranded without the transportation access I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,

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