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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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. Please make the increased funding a priority.

Currently, I use public transit in the the city of Portland to access amenities such as Providence Park, Moda Center, and Kaiser Permanente on Interstate North. Both of my adult children (ages 18 and 22) utilize the bus and train as commute options to college and work; my oldest just relocated back to Portland knowing that public transit would mitigate the growing cost of living across the country. Additionally, my partner utilizes the Max and sometimes the bus when commuting by bicycle and the weather prohibits a safe commute. We live in Milwaukie and appreciate the convenience of the orange line and hope that it will only increase in frequency. We also consistently ride the 75, 33, 9, and FX bus lines.

If public transit were to diminish, we would likely reconsider where we live as public transit is one of the highlights of living in/near the city of Portland.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see such as increased frequency of the train and bus lines we utilize most, it will prevent Oregonians from being stranded without the transportation access. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,

Cristy Sellers
Milwaukie Oregon Resident