

Submitter: Ben Dillon

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 in strong support of the increased transit funding and the continuation of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) program included in HB 2025. The proposed funding is essential to prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon.

As a TriMet rider, I've been able to drastically reduce my reliance on a personal vehicle for commuting—from my home in Lents to my workplace downtown—as well as for many other trips across the city, using both bus and rail.

If my access to public transit were reduced, my quality of life would suffer. I'd be forced to drive more frequently, increasing the cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel, while also contributing to traffic congestion and air pollution. Like many riders, I often glance at the clogged lanes of I-84 while commuting via the red, green, or blue lines and feel a deep sense of gratitude for our public transportation system.

While HB 2025 does not go far enough to expand transit service—which is sorely needed—it does preserve the existing network that Oregonians like me rely on every day. I am fortunate to afford owning a personal vehicle, but many of my neighbors are not. I urge you to support this bill and protect our access to safe, reliable, and sustainable public transportation.

Sincerely,

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