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I live in North Tabor, Portland and ride transit every day, whether it's the Max to PSU, the #20 to theater downtown, the #19 out Glisan, or the #71 north. I rely on transit. My husband has Parkinson's and transit enables him to continue to work, volunteer, and attend classes.

My professional career was in public transit in San Francisco with the Municipal Railway. I know that once you cut service, you make the system less convenient and less able to meet people's expectations and needs. Once they leave, as Covid demonstrated, it is very hard to bring them back again. Not only does transit benefit an individual in their own life, but in the aggregate it benefits a whole community: less congestion, less pedestrian conflicts, less pollution.

Spare transit the cuts that will have oversize ramifications. Pass HB 2025.