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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Joint Committee on Transport,

It is in the interest of all of the citizens of the Greater Portland Area to not only continue to fund transportation but to increase that funding past what is being requested.

Public Transport is one of the reasons we moved to this city from Texas. Public transport helps to reduce traffic and supports the neediest people in our city. It makes visiting Portland more affordable and accessible. It decreases pollution from cars and congestion from parking. It is a fun way for me to get around with my two young children and increases our interactions with the city - allowing us to talk about what we see while we cruise around or read books. We get more exercise and feel the liberty of not being tied to a vehicle.

I would personally like to see fare free public transportation and a large increase in routes and frequency of service. By making more frequent and closer connections we can increase the amount of communities and businesses that can be service by transit. We could reduce wait and transit times.

We should at the very least make fare free for all citizens that are below the driving age so that the next generation grows accustomed to the benefit of taking transport. So please, support this small tax to better all of Portland'n