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One of the most substantial expenses for adults is their private transportation. Thanks to Trimet, I have been able to reduce my commuting expenses and my carbon footprint significantly. I am able to take the bus or MAX anywhere I want to go in the Portland metro area, sometimes even faster than if I were to drive. I can spend my time on public transit relaxing, reading, or catching up on last-minute work, whereas driving is stressful and wildly unsafe for such activities. I am grateful to live in a community where it is possible to eschew driving completely, and I'm grateful for the transit safety officers that make my experiences on Trimet peaceful and comfortable. I'm proud that our community is a national leader in public transit availability and reliability.

Trimet is a safer and cheaper alternative to driving, and it is my hope that more local residents will transition their commutes to public transit from private autos. Investing in Trimet is investing in the future of our city and our environment. If you're looking for ways to increase the Trimet budget without adding to citizens' tax burdens, perhaps reducing expenditures on automobile infrastructure is a good next step.