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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

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I strongly urge you to approve HB2025. Public transportation is incredibly important to us. We desperately need to expand public transportation, not decrease it. We need more alternatives to driving, not less. As we get older we rely more and more on public transportation. Taking away our options and our independence is not in anyone's best interests. Not everyone can physically drive, nor afford to drive. One of the reasons we live in this area is the accessibility and availability of using Trimet.

It is cheaper to use buses and max than to use prime real estate for parking garages, especially downtown Portland. There isn't enough parking at the zoo and they highly encourage people to use max. And, people do. We do. It makes perfect sense to continue the services offered, even to expand them.

Thank you for your consideration. This is too important to our community.

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