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I want to share my personal experience to highlight the critical importance of TriMet, especially concerning the proposed 0.2% funding increase. When I first joined UPS on Swan Island, I faced a significant commute from Hillsboro. Every weekday, I spent approximately five hours traveling round trip, exclusively using the MAX and various connecting bus lines. This service wasn't just a convenience; it was the fundamental link that allowed me to even begin my career at UPS. I know many other colleagues who were in the same position.

Today, I live in Vancouver and continue to depend on TriMet. I bike to Delta Park, then connect with the MAX and the Swan Island bus to reach work. While my story is just one example, it mirrors the reality for a vast number of UPS employees ("UPSers") who rely on TriMet for consistent, punctual, and safe transportation.

For us, increased TriMet funding directly translates to accessible employment, enhanced financial stability, and the ability to support our families. This isn't merely a transit issue; it's a vital investment in our workforce and our local economy.

Thank you

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