

Submitter: Htoo Wah

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

I write today in support of the increased transit funding and the STIF program in HB 2025. The increased funding for the STIF program in this package will help prevent significant cuts to public transit service across Oregon.

As someone who relies on public transit daily, I know how critical it is for getting to work, accessing essential services, and staying connected to my community. I use TriMet services primarily in the East Portland area, where buses and MAX trains help me commute to my job and support the youth I work with as a coordinator at Division Midway Alliance.

If this transit service were taken away or reduced, it would severely impact my ability to do my job and serve my community. It would also affect many families and youth who rely on affordable, reliable public transit to attend school, reach medical appointments, and access opportunities.

While the funding proposed in this package is not enough to provide the additional transit service I would like to see, it will prevent Oregonians like me from being stranded without the transportation access we depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,
Htoo Wah