

June 11, 2025

Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2025 – STIF funding

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.

- My Name is Kyle Duncan. I am a property manager in Bethany, Oregon, and I use both the Trimet MAXLine and Bethany Link RideShare programs in my long commute from downtown Portland. **I just started my new career, and I am completely reliant on these two systems to get to work.** I have a long commute, but for now, the services are stable and are the backbone of my daily schedule. I ride with a full house each way, and there are many, many more throughout the day. In addition, I manage an apartment complex of 340 units (+1000 individuals) who rely heavily on both services.
- **Any disruption to either of these services would be catastrophic to my career and economic well-being,** as it would be for many of the PCC students and clients with whom I share the bus. Public transit has been proven to be a boon for individuals on the lower end of the income spectrum (such as myself) to reach financial stability and become more self-sufficient.
- As stated above, I utilize both Portland-based Trimet MAX, and the Bethany Link Ride Share program. **The Bethany Link drivers: Anthony, Amos, Cindy, Mike and others, as well as all the Trimet drivers are great at what they do.**
- **I would probably lose my job, housing, and my way of life would soon become in jeopardy.** I've travelled a decent amount, and Portland has one of the best transit systems I've utilized. **I will do my part to continue to make sure it is strong and available for everyone, and I hope you will use your considerable power to ensure this service remains viable for the thousands who use it every day.**

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 I depend on. Please support HB 2025.

Sincerely,

Kyle Duncan
(Portland and Bethany, OR)