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I moved to Portland in the past few years specifically because of its forward-thinking stance on urban planning and green transportation. Transit is a key piece of what makes Portland the amazing city it is, it crafts a significant portion of the cities identity. As someone who is fully transit reliant, I urgently and desperately beg that transit be maintained and continue to expand as the region continues to grow.

Not only for myself but in my work as a community pharmacist, so many patients I serve have literally no alternative to get around. Removing transit would decimate so many people's ability to travel around the city for even basic errands like trips to the pharmacy. People can barely afford housing so removing transit and, thus, requiring people to pay for a car, gas, and insurance will make so many of our city's problems worse. Again, I urgently and desperately beg that transit be maintained and continue to expand as the region grows.