

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.

I use TriMet every day just about. I'm disabled and don't have a car and rely on TriMet to get around. I cannot afford a vehicle because the taco dictator in power is cutting funding to programs I rely on like disability and social security. Without TriMet getting the gracious funding it needs, people like me wouldn't be able to get around as easy as I do. I need TriMet to live. Please don't trash it like the rest of Portland and the USA. Don't let it fall too. I use the light rails all the time, the 12 line, 72, 87, 73, 21, and sometimes the 15. I need these for essentials like shopping for groceries. Going to DHS, WorkSource Oregon Gresham office, going to social security office.

I need a platform at 99th and Prescott and I have complained and begged for something there now for over a month. I use a cane and it's hard for me to get up and down the bus even with it kneeling. The ground is not level at all. Can you please also put in a safety cross walk???!!! It is extremely dangerous there to try and cross to catch the bus or to get off the bus to get across the road.

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,

Name

Location Portland