



Co-Chairs Gorsek & McClain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr & Boshart Davis, and members of the committee,

I want to begin by thanking the Committee for their support of transit across Oregon by reinvesting in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund. HB 2025 continues to build on the groundwork laid out in HB 2017. The funds raised from HB 2017, have allowed LTD to develop transit across Lane County serving both our rural communities and our dense urban centers and HB 2025 will help us continue developing a stronger transit system.

LTD operates throughout Lane County and provides over 5 million annual passenger boardings from 30 fixed routed and two EmX Bus Rapid Transit lines. Our paratransit service, RideSource, provides more than 250,000 trips annually for people with disability and Medicaid recipients. Through funds provided by the STIF program, LTD offers fixed route service in Eugene, Springfield, and Florence, connects Oakridge and Cottage Grove with Eugene and Springfield, and provides on demand services in Southern Lane County.

Every Oregonian benefits from transit service, even those who don't ride. Transit vehicles replace the equivalent of thousands of car trips each year, reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. Transit also supports the economy. Every \$1 invested in transit generates \$5 for the local economy, according to research by the American Public Transportation Association. Transit agencies employ thousands of people across Oregon, providing family-wage jobs. Streets, neighborhoods and cities with transit service are more attractive as places to live, work and do business. Transit-oriented development has transformed communities with affordable housing, retail and recreation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share about the ways STIF has driven new transit opportunities in Lane County. The funds allocated in HB2025 will allow LTD, and other transit operators across the state, to serve the transit needs of our community, while keeping us accountable to the tax payers by funding transit that works.

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