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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.

I utilize the bus, max and the trolley to get to places at least 4 days out of the week. I live downtown but I use public transportation to go all over besides downtown. I ride to SE, SW, NE and NW, and to the suburbs like Milwaukie, Beaverton and Hillsboro. Once the max goes out to Tigard I will be taking it out there as well.

I rely on public transportation to take me to and from events such as concerts since driving around and looking for parking is not my favorite thing to do. There are already too many vehicles at these events so taking the max or the bus is the best option. If I go out to a social gathering or place I do like to enjoy myself and have a few drinks so taking the bus or max is best as I know I can get home and do not need to rely on others for a ride.

I get use out of my annual pass. I know others rely on public transportation as well as it is their only mode of getting to places that they cannot walk to as the distance is too far. Public transportation gets people out and about.

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,

Michael Mellick

Location - Portland, OR