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I'm writing in support of this funding increase today, not only because I rely on public transportation to traverse the city, but also because I firmly believe there's no sound reason to allow service cuts to trimet. It would not save the city any money, not even a cent, in fact it would cost a lot of money. More cars on the road means more road maintenance, more air pollution, more traffic, and less parking. Many Oregonians already facing steep grocery, energy, and housing costs would need to buy a car or regularly use taxis / rideshares. I don't know many people who can spare hundreds of dollars a month right now. People would need to decrease their standards of living or move away.

Let's ensure Portland remains a beautiful and functional city. One that doesn't exclude people who are disabled, low income, teenage, climate conscious, or just not in the mood to drive. One with cleaner air, water, and soil. Less noise and less highways. The next time you're stopped in traffic on the highway look around you and see if anybody looks happy to be there.

Sincerely,
Ellie :]