



August 20, 2018

Attn: HB 2017 Advisory Committee

CC: TriMet Board of Directors

Re: HB 2017 Transit Expansion

To the HB 2017 Advisory Committee:

I am writing to express the Oregon Humane Society's support for use of HB 2017 funds to increase transit service along Columbia Blvd. The Oregon Humane Society is located at 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. in Portland, Oregon. Currently, our location is not serviced by any bus route, and the nearest bus line (70) is a half mile away.

The Oregon Humane Society is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year as being the largest humane society in the Northwest. Our organization finds home for over 11,000 pets each year and provides low-cost spay and neuter services to over 4,000 pets of low-income families. We are currently working to build a community veterinary hospital that will focus on providing much-needed veterinary services to low-income residents in Portland. Adding additional transit service to our location will help to ensure that members of our community are able to access our invaluable services.

We are hopeful that you will consider adding either expanded service to the existing 70 bus line, or add a new line that will service our location.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with Trimet throughout this exciting process.

Sincerely,

Ashley Evans, Special Projects Coordinator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Evans".