

September 19, 2018

Dear TriMet HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Economic Development Commission for Clackamas County we appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important transit services.

We realize there are many recommendations for transit improvements throughout the Portland Metro system. The considerations from the EDC focus on improvements that will assist in employment corridors and in economic development growth in the area.

In Clackamas County specifically, we support the following and ask that you give these areas strong consideration:

- 1) Support for increased transit service, especially the new service along Jennings Avenue that extends to Happy Valley through the Clackamas industrial area.
- 2) Improved service along Oatfield Road, through Oregon City to the Clackamas Community College campus. In addition, the proposal includes extending service to the Oregon City High School which will provide more transportation alternatives to the high school students.
- 3) Included in the package is consistent funding for last mile shuttle service that will provide shuttle access to the Clackamas Industrial area and Oregon City. Funding is provided for planning of last mile shuttle service between West Linn and Tualatin, which could provide better access for employees. Also, planning money is included for a last mile shuttle to serve the industrial areas in Milwaukie.
- 4) More funding is needed to implement the Milwaukie shuttle and the West Linn to Tualatin shuttle. We request that TriMet use funds from its own budget (which had been used to fund shuttles in Washington County previously) to augment to Regional Coordination / Last Mile shuttle program.

Sincere thanks in advance for your considerations of Clackamas County's transit needs. It is vital to provide these connections to grow the job base, retain employees and enhance livability.

Sincerely,

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