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RE: Support for TriMet's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant Application for Regional Express / Limited Stop Bus Network Study

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (LUT), I am expressing our strong support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant program to fund a study to examine Express / Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder service in the Portland Metropolitan region. This project is an important step in exploring the feasibility of implementing new and potentially faster, more reliable transit services throughout the region. These types of services saw promising results based on a high level assessment in our recent Transportation Futures Study, in which we saw strong demand for faster more reliable services.

We are encouraged that through this opportunity, these discretionary grant funds will support the continued development of Express / Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder service, and the enhancement of transit service in Washington County. We look forward to working with TriMet, ODOT, and other regional partners during the project. As such, LUT is committed to providing staff time and information resources to support the work.

I respectfully request you give TriMet's application the fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Director, Land Use & Transportation

c: Tom Mills, TriMet Service Planning Manager