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RE: Support for TriMet's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant Application for Regional Transit Priority Spot Improvements

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Washington County, I am expressing our strong support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant program to fund Transit Priority Spot Improvements in the region. The Washington County Transportation System Plan identifies the need for priority treatments, where appropriate, to improve the efficiency of our transit system. Targeted investments to improve the speed and reliability of bus service are also aligned with the priority outcomes identified in our Transportation Futures Study.

We are regional partners in achieving the vision of the Metro Regional Transit Strategy and believe investing in Transit Priority and other enhanced bus service will contribute to progress toward this vision. As TriMet identifies potential improvements within Washington County, we will consider contributing funds for prioritized Transit Priority Spot Improvements.

The measured outcomes of piloted Transit Priority Spot Improvements make us optimistic these investments will produce results that improve the customer experience of using transit, encourage a mode shift from single occupant vehicles to transit, and contribute to reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions in Washington County and the region.

Sincerely,

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