



January 31, 2019

Mr. Hal Gard  
Rail and Public Transit Administrator  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
555 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mr. Gard;

The South Clackamas Transportation District (SCTD) is pleased to collaborate with our transit partners from Canby Area Transit (CAT), Sandy Area Metro (SAM), South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART), and Clackamas County Transportation to submit a joint application for a State Transportation Improvement Fund discretionary program grant to further study the feasibility of implementing a regional fare collection system. The project builds upon research that was initiated by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in 2017, and is an important next step in the evaluation of a common fare system.

SCTD fully supports the effort to continue this analysis and will contribute a \$2,400 cash match, as well as staff time and other resources necessary to complete the project. We believe a regional, integrated fare collection system has the potential to simplify the transit riding experience for all of our customers, facilitate seamless transfers between transportation providers, and improve mobility across our region. SCTD is committed to advancing solutions that achieves those objectives.

Sincerely,

Tom Strader  
SCTD District Manager