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Testimony in Support of HB 2310

Lane Transit District (LTD) has supported the goals and course of ConnectOregon I through IV. The long-term economic growth and job creation afforded to the LTD service area from the Multimodal Transportation Fund has proven successful in the short-term, and will continue to recoup benefits for years to come.

Lane Transit District has competitively received two grants through the ConnectOregon program, including;

- Pioneer Parkway Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT) for \$5,400,000; and
- Veneta Park and Ride for \$656,000.

These projects have improved LTD's service and provided essential and much needed transportation enhancements that limit auto congestion, improve economic development opportunities and job growth. LTD supports the development of ConnectOregon V (HB 2310) and the possibility of applying for projects that will leverage these funds to aid planning and development of the EmX BRT system, enhance rural services, and improve transit station infrastructure.

Further, LTD fully supports Governor Kitzhaber and Oregon Transportation Commission Chair Pat Eagan's call to find new revenue streams to fund Oregon's entire transportation system. LTD is supportive of HB 2310. LTD looks forward to following this bill through the legislative process, and continuing discussions around improving investments in the state's transportation system.



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