



City of Canby

**Testimony by Canby City Administrator Rick Robinson
in Support of HB 2236
Providing Equitable Treatment of a
Public Transit Agency Operated by a Municipality**

For Public Hearing Scheduled on February 25, 2015 Before the House
Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

To Chair McKeown, Vice-Chairs Davis and Gorsek, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Canby and Canby Area Transit support HB 2236, which revises current State law to provide impartial treatment of public agencies operated by cities. Canby Area Transit (CAT) has operated as department of the City of Canby since its inception in 2002. CAT provides an efficient, responsive transit service to local residents, commuters and visitors to Canby and the region.

We appreciate Representative John Davis' sponsorship of this legislation on behalf of CAT, the City of Canby and other Oregon Cities operating municipal transit service. This legislation will level the playing field for cities and other public entities that take on the responsibilities of operating a public transit service.

Under the current statute (ORS 291.405 – 291.407) the Oregon Department of Administrative services collects an amount equal to 0.6% of payroll tax for state agencies operating inside the boundary of a mass-transit district and distributes the funds to the districts for public transit services for state employees. Currently, Transit agencies operated by cities are not included in the statute. The proposed legislation corrects this oversight. Which will result in equitable treatment of public transit agencies operated by cities.

Although we are not aware of a State agencies operating within the CAT service area at this time the proposed legislation provides us equity should a State agency chose to locate with the CAT boundaries.

On behalf of the City of Canby and CAT, I request a DO-PASS vote on HB 2236.

Respectfully,



Richard W. Robinson
City Administrator