



# Oregon Transit

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## Public Transit Matters

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Representative Caddy McKeown  
House Transportation and Economic Development  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Caddy McKeown and Committee Members:

On behalf of OTA members and Oregon's smaller metro and rural transit providers, the Oregon Transit Association supports the efforts of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Representative Bill Post and others to identify a stable and equitable source of state funding for ongoing transit operations during the 2016 legislative session.

Adequate funding of transit services allows for the operation and expansion necessary to meet the needs of a growing, aging and sometimes vulnerable population, and provides economic and community benefits by connecting employers and employees, consumers and businesses, students and schools.

The OTA will work with a coalition of supporters and advocates on the passage of House Bill 4078, which was drafted to achieve a balanced and accountable solution to the funding issues faced by our smaller members, and in turn the service needs of our communities.

We urge your support of House Bill 4078.

Kind regards,

Julie Brown  
OTA President