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Karen Friend, Interim Executive Director
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
334 NE Hawthorne Ave. Bend, OR 97701

Dear Karen Friend,

Thank you for attending the La Pine City Council meeting on August 24th to share the importance of changes to ORS 190.083 regarding public transportation funding in Central Oregon. The City of La Pine is supportive of a structure so that communities will have the opportunity to develop transit funding while retaining the regional Cascade East Transit (CET) system under COIC governance.

Furthermore, the City recognizes and welcomes the benefits associated with this concept, including:

- **Protects current coordinated system** from fragmenting into multiple transit districts which could be an outcome if one City needed property tax before other Cities were ready.
- **Retains one government entity with one management staff and one board**, creating economies of scale, and allowing for local representation from each community.
- **Promotes regional cooperation of equitable use of dollars for transit** instead of a competitive environment and turf issues.
- **Assures development of each city's transit aligns with each city's plan for development.**
- **Allows each city to choose funding tool for transit** including, but not limited to property tax.

The City Council of La Pine is sending this letter in support of COIC's proposal that the Oregon legislature approve changes to ORS 190.083 within the 2017 legislative session. This change will benefit Central Oregon regionally while maintaining control at the local level to expand transit funding at the appropriate time when each community sees fit.

Sincerely,


Ken Mulenex
Mayor of La Pine