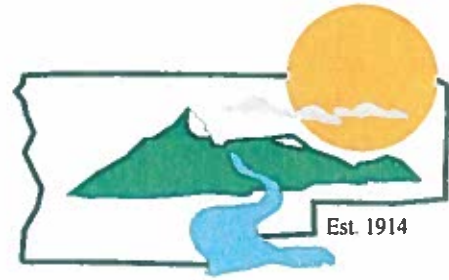


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February 27, 2017

House Committee on Transportation Policy
Representative Caddy McKeown, Chair
900 Court Street NE, Room 431
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2745 – Transit Funding

Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee:

The Board of County Commissioners supports COIC's Cascade East Transit Governance legislative concept as presented on August 24, 2016 (attached).

This legislative concept is an ideal solution to assist the development of a Central Oregon transit system that gives each community the ability to financially support their transit needs without needing to be required to create multiple independent taxing districts. The ability to regionalize a transit system under one governmental body will save the taxpayer funds by not duplicating administrative costs and promotes a coordinated effort of transit services.

Thank you for your efforts on this matter and let us know if you need additional assistance in this legislative effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Ahern", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Mike Ahern
Commission Chair