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Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Senator Beyer and committee members;

I write to you today in support of SB 1020. This bill directs ODOT to provide matching grant funds to Lane Transit District (LTD) for bus rapid transit and other high capacity transit systems.

LTD's service area, comprised primary of Eugene. Springfield and outlying areas is fraught with ever increasing traffic congestion. Traffic crashes, deaths and injuries in greater Lane County are at an all-time high. We simply need to find alternatives to mitigate congestion, reduce pollution and enhance safety in our community.

LTD needs to expand service of EMX. It's fast, efficient and safe. Consequently, I support their efforts to obtain matching funds from ODOT to insure greater probability of continued federal funding that will expand EMX to other service areas.

I encourage the committee to support SB 1020. I do.

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