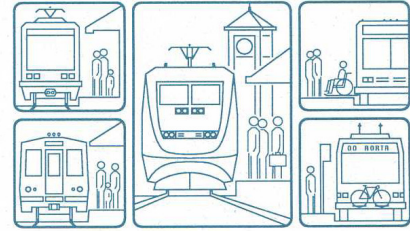


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The Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates (**AORTA**) is pleased to support SB 5530. We also note that the level of funding has been nearly doubled for *ConnectOregon VII*.

Oregon's wise and continuing state support in her infrastructure is visionary, a model program viewed with envy across the nation, and supports family wage jobs, thus her future economic strength.

Thank you for seeing the value in growing our very successful *ConnectOregon* program.

Very truly yours,

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