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Here is one more (a big one) for tomorrow's hearing.

Thanks and let me know if you have questions!


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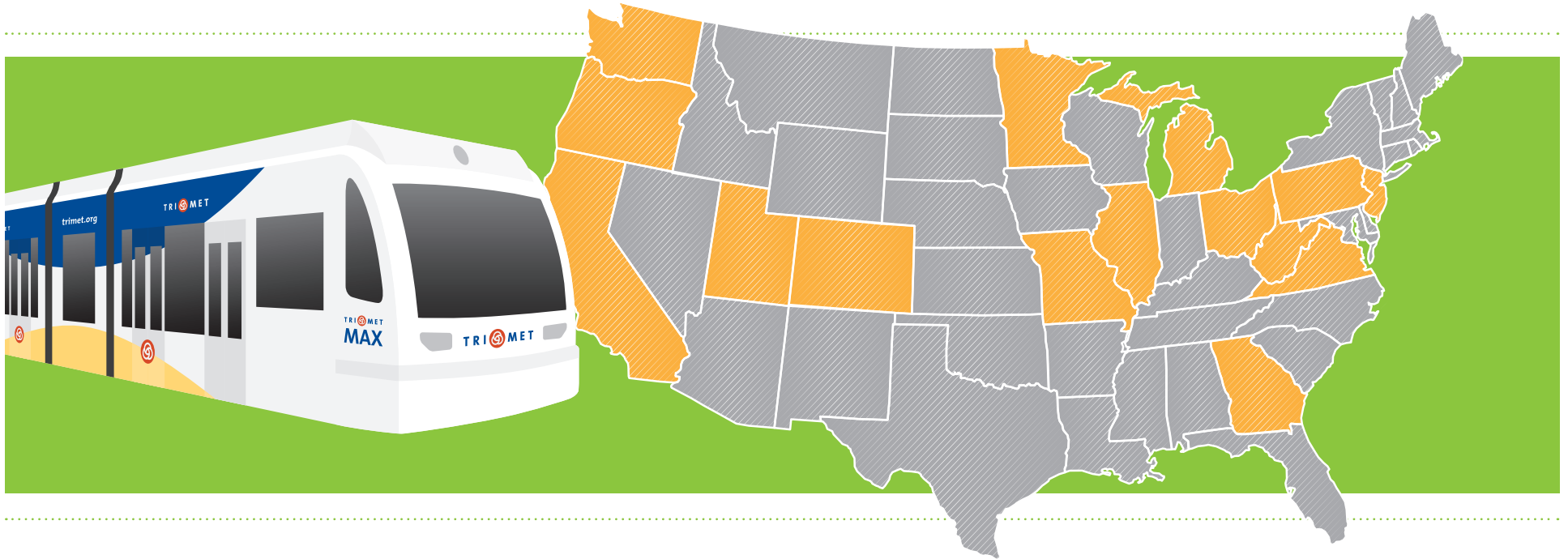
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Investments In Public Transit Generate Jobs

Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project
sourced materials from states across the nation,
putting thousands of Americans to work.



CALIFORNIA

Siemens USA (light rail cars)
REC Solar (solar equipment)
AC&C Network Services (network system)

COLORADO

Spartan Steel Products (steel supplier)

GEORGIA

Electrical Cable Specialists
(contact and messenger wire)

ILLINOIS

Nehring Electrical Works (overhead contact wire)

MICHIGAN

Landscape Forms (shelters, canopies)

MINNESOTA

TEMP-AIR, Inc. (HVAC)
US Water Services (water management products)

MISSOURI

L&W Industries (signals)

NEW JERSEY

Rails Company (signal switch heaters)

OHIO

Cleveland Track Materials (open track)

OREGON

See reverse side

PENNSYLVANIA

LB Foster (rail)

UTAH

Rooftop Anchor, Inc.
(worker safety protection devices)

VIRGINIA

Freyssinet, Inc. (bridge cables)
Evans Consoles, Inc. (control systems)

WASHINGTON

Ness & Campbell Crane (heavy equipment)
Elcon Corporation (electrical services)
Rebar International, Inc. (bridge rebar)

WEST VIRGINIA

Integrity Wire, Inc. (wire and cable products)

Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project Contracted Firms



*Nov. 14, 2016 economic impacts analysis by ECONorthwest

Light Rail: Supporting Growth, Addressing Congestion

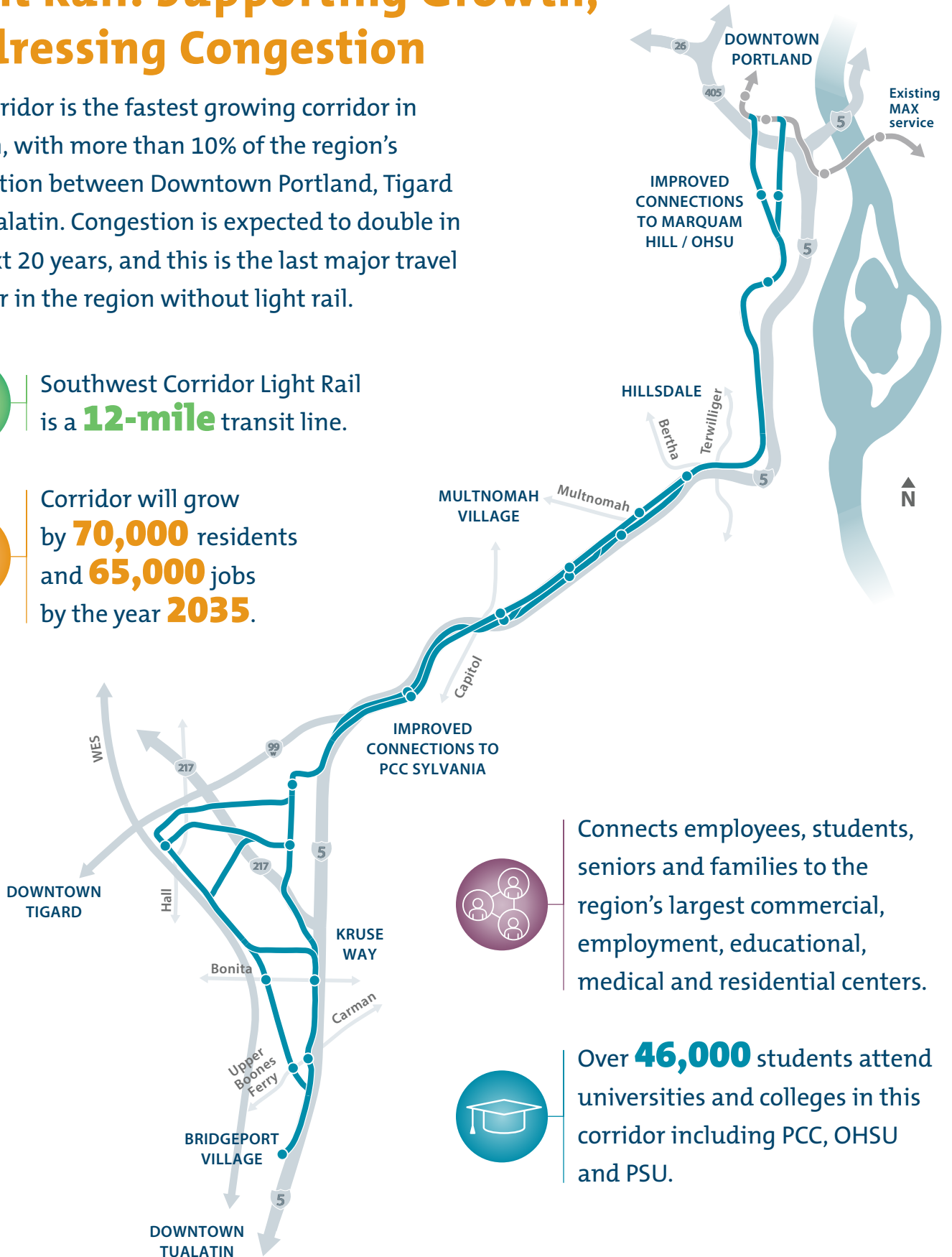
The corridor is the fastest growing corridor in Oregon, with more than 10% of the region's population between Downtown Portland, Tigard and Tualatin. Congestion is expected to double in the next 20 years, and this is the last major travel corridor in the region without light rail.



Southwest Corridor Light Rail is a **12-mile** transit line.



Corridor will grow by **70,000** residents and **65,000** jobs by the year **2035**.



Connects employees, students, seniors and families to the region's largest commercial, employment, educational, medical and residential centers.



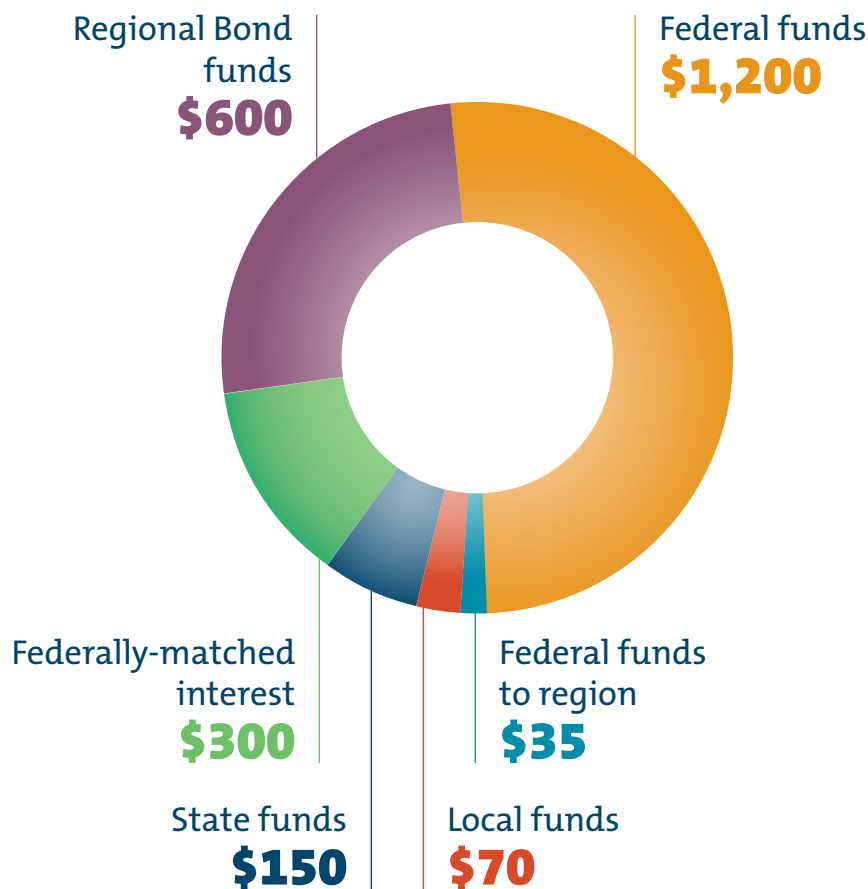
Over **46,000** students attend universities and colleges in this corridor including PCC, OHSU and PSU.



Benefits

- ✔ Carries **25%** in the corridor to Downtown Portland.
- ✔ Connects Portland, Tigard, the Tigard Triangle, Kruse Way and Tualatin.
- ✔ New Park & Ride facilities.
- ✔ Roads, sidewalks and bikeways repaired, replaced or constructed.
- ✔ **40,000** daily riders by 2035.
- ✔ Creates over **23,000** jobs.

Draft Funding Plan (in millions)



PROJECT PARTNERS:

CITY OF BEAVERTON • CITY OF DURHAM • CITY OF KING CITY
 CITY OF PORTLAND • CITY OF SHERWOOD • CITY OF TIGARD
 CITY OF TUALATIN • METRO • OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 TRIMET • WASHINGTON COUNTY

Timeline

- \$80 million Regional Funding approved (June 2016)
- Tigard Initiative approved (November 2016)
- 10% designs; Environmental work starts (December 2016)
- Oregon State Legislative session (January 2017)
- DEIS published (December 2017)
- Locally Preferred Alternative selected (Spring 2018)
- Regional funding measure (November 2018)
- Final Environmental Impact Statement published (Summer 2019)
- Funding agreement with Federal Transit Administration (Summer 2021)
- Construction (2021–2025)
- 2025 opening

Southwest Corridor Light Rail Support



Project partners: City of Beaverton - City of Durham - City of King City - City of Portland - City of Sherwood - City of Tigard - City of Tualatin - Washington County - Metro - Oregon Department of Transportation - TriMet

May 2017

Partial List of SW Corridor Light Rail Supporters

Rev. 4/26/17

Congressional Delegation Letter

State Representatives:

Rep. Doherty

Rep. Lininger

Rep. Williamson

Sen. Burdick

Business Associations:

Clackamas County Business Alliance

Columbia Corridor Association

East Metro Economic Alliance

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

Tigard Chamber of Commerce

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce

Westside Economic Alliance

Education:

Oregon Health Sciences University

Portland Community College

Portland State University

Environmental and Not-for-Profits:

Oregon Tradeswoman Association

Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program

National Association of Minority Contractors

1000 Friends of Oregon

Community Housing Fund

Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Elders in Action

Friends of Fanno Creek

Housing Authority of Washington County

Neighborhood House

Northwest Housing Alternatives

Office of Life, Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of Portland
Portland Urban League
Ride Connection
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Worksystems, Inc.

Labor:

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 of Oregon
Cement Masons Local 555
Central Oregon Building & Construction Trades Council
Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing
Ironworkers Local 29
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, Transportation Workers
Local Union No. 16
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 125
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 280
International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 of Oregon
International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 701
Ironworkers Local 29
Laborers District Council
Laborers Local 737
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 737
Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Building Trades Council
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
NW Regional District Council of Carpenters
Operating Engineers Local 701
Oregon Building Trades Council
Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council
Oregon Tradeswoman, Inc.
Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association
Southern Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council
Teamsters 162
UA Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters
United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and
Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada
United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 49
Women in the Trades

Local Governments:

Cit of Sherwood
City of Beaverton
City of Durham
City of King City
City of Milwaukie
City of Portland C
City of Tigard
City of Tualatin
Clackamas County
Metro
Multnomah County
Oregon Department of Transportation
TriMet
Washington County

Elected Officials:

Tigard Council members Jason Snider, John Goodhouse, and Tom Anderson
Metro Councilors Craig Dirksen, Bob Stacey, Tom Hughes, Kathryn Harrington,
Sam Chase, Carlotta Collette and Shirley Craddick
Milwaukie Mayor Mark Gamba
Tigard Mayor John Cook
Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden
Washington County Chair Andy Duyck
Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers

Oregon Businesses :

3 Kings Environmental, Inc
ACF West Construction Co., Inc.
American Pressure Washing
Anderson Environmental Contracting, LLC
Arrow Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc.
Axis Crane
B&B Print Source
Bender Consulting, LLC Applied Groundwater Solutions
Brundage Bone Concrete Pumping
Cascade Bridge, LLC

CenterCal Properties, LLC
Christine Rains Graphic Design
COAT Flagging
Coral Construction Company
Cutter Construction
DeaMor, Inc.
DeAngelo's Catering & Events
Dirt & Aggregate Interchange Inc.
Dovetail Construction, Inc.
Eco-Pan
EZ Grade, Inc.
Fought & Company, Inc
GeoDesign, Inc.
GRS Consulting, Inc.
Guinett Masonry, Inc.
Holland, Inc.
Hudson Plaza, LLC
Hughes Finance and Investments
Interlaken, Inc
Intertek PSI
Iron Horse Engineering Company
JK International, LLC
John Cook, CPA
Kevin Austin Trucking
Lancaster Engineering | Lancaster Street Lab
Liberty Electric, Inc.
Malcolm Drilling Co., Inc.
McDonald Excavating, Inc.
Millennial Consulting Group
Miller Factors, LLC
MSD Construction
Ness Campbell Crane and Rigging
O'Neill Electric
Ortiz & Associates, Inc.
Pacific Foundation, Inc.
Paramount Supply Co.
Pendleton Woolen Mills
Professional Lath and Plaster
REFA Erection, Inc.

Ross Island Sand & Gravel Co.
Santiam Heating and Sheetmetal, Inc.
Schonert & Associates, Inc
Sign Wizards
Site One, LLC
Smith Monroe Gray Engineers, Inc.
Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc.
Stacey and Witbeck, Inc.
SuperGenius, LLC
Taylor Transport, Inc.
Team Electric
The Neil Kelly Company
Tice Electric Company
Valley Growers Nursery & Landscape, Inc.
Verde Landscape
Westside Iron Inc.
Zeeland Company, LLC
Zimmer Gunsul Frasca

Individuals:

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Abe Ghahyasi	Avery Le Vine
Adam Bertram	Barb Damon
Alexander Tkacz	Barbara Dieringer
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Ashley Hill	Brandon Navas

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Carol West
Carole Hoss
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Charles Schwarz
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Christine Heidgerken
Christopher McHugh
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 24, 2017

Mr. Neil McFarlane
General Manager
TriMet
1800 SW 1st Ave. 300
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

We are writing to express our support for federal funding for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project.

For more than 30 years, the federal government, Oregon state government, Portland-metropolitan region, and TriMet have worked in partnership to plan and build our public transit system. In addition to providing the region with transportation options, these projects have created jobs and boosted the economy. Oregon light rail projects have brought more than two billion dollars of federal investment to the state. The Southwest Corridor project is our state's next major light rail project, and we are committed to advocating for the federal government's continued partnership in its financing and construction.

As your federal delegation, we have worked with each new Congress and administration to secure federal funding for our state's major transit projects. In 2015, Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. That Act authorized robust funding for Capital Investment Grants through FY 2020, demonstrating bipartisan support for key federal transit programs that make projects like the Southwest Corridor Light Rail possible.

We are disappointed that the President's budget proposes to curtail funding for the Capital Investment Program by only funding projects that already have formal federal commitments. Despite the cut proposed in the President's budget, however, there is bipartisan support in Congress for this program. We will continue to work with our Congressional colleagues to adequately fund the Capital Investment Program, and we will be advocating for policy that will put Oregon in the best position possible to receive federal funds for the Southwest Corridor, and other important infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Oregon's metropolitan areas have made great progress in building a transit system that reduces congestion, improves mobility, and supports our state's economy and environment, but our growth and increasing population require that we do more. On the federal level, we are committed to working to secure the resources necessary to finance and build the Southwest Corridor. We look forward to partnering with you to support our state's next major light rail project.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress


Ron Wyden
United States Senator


Jeffrey Merkley
United States Senator


Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress


Kurt Schrader
Member of Congress

MARGARET DOHERTY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 35



March 15, 2017

The Honorable Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Ways & Means
Capital Construction Subcommittee

Dear Representative Holvey,

We are writing to request that you include \$150 million in lottery bonds for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail line on your list of lottery bond projects in the Capital Construction Subcommittee for the 2017-19 biennium.

The \$150 million in lottery bonds would represent the state's contribution to a \$2.4 billion infrastructure project. The line would link downtown Portland and Tigard, south to Bridgeport Village. We are not aware of any economic development project that can achieve this leverage and also create 23,000 jobs in Oregon. At the same time, the project will carry 25% of the traffic going into Portland on I-5 and Barbur Blvd. It will provide needed relief in a corridor where congestion is expected to double in the next twenty years.

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail project enjoys broad support from business, labor, government, education and the non-profit sectors. We have attached a list of supporters that continues to grow.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Margaret Doherty in blue ink.

Margaret Doherty
State Representative

Handwritten signature of Ginny Burdick in blue ink.

Ginny Burdick
State Senator
Senate Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Ann Lininger in blue ink.

Ann Lininger
State Representative

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Williamson in blue ink.

Jennifer Williamson
State Representative
House Majority Leader





**Oregon State
Building and Construction Trades Council**
AFL-CIO



March 9, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

Remember what happened when the 2007 legislature invested \$250 million in the new Orange Line to Milwaukie. This project leveraged those state funds on a one-to-four ratio. The state's \$250 million brought Oregon \$950 million in federal funds, thousands of jobs, and resulted in a vital piece of transportation infrastructure. The enclosed chart shows the number of trades people fabricating its many components. The southwest line will do even more!

You will not find another infrastructure project in Oregon that provides this much bang for the buck – leveraged funds, jobs and a transportation option for thousands of commuters who battle congestion every day. This project enjoys the full support of the labor community for what it can do for all of us!

Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council!

Sincerely,

**Tim Frew
Executive Secretary**



March 24, 2017

Senator Ginny Burdick
Senator Richard Devlin

Dear Senators:

Westside Economic Alliance is writing in support of state funding for the SW Corridor Light Rail project. The region is asking for \$150 million in lottery funding. We recognize that the budget situation is very difficult, but there is a strong business case to made for this investment.

Recent polling has shown that congestion is the number one issue in this region, and we have learned that the Portland area congestion is a problem for the rest of the state as well. Our rural areas cannot get their goods to market due to the congestion in the Portland region.

As you know, we have not made significant investments in our transportation infrastructure for decades. We are falling behind other cities that we compete against for business. Seattle just voted to tax themselves \$54 billion for transportation improvements, and Los Angeles will tax themselves \$134 billion. To remain competitive, we need to make investments in our transportation system.

The SW Corridor project total cost is \$2.4 billion. Here is why that investment is important to the region and to the state:

- The SW Corridor is the fastest growing corridor in Oregon. It will grow by 75,000 residents and 60,000 jobs by 2040.
- There are already 46,000 students attending higher education in the corridor at OHSU, PCC, PSU, George Fox, and the University of Natural Medicine. These students are transit users and their numbers will only increase.
- Light rail would carry roughly a quarter of all traffic on I-5 and Barbur Boulevard. That is equal to about 37,000 riders each day.

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**Tigard Chamber of Commerce
12345 SW Main Street
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503-639-1656**

March 23, 2017

**TRIMET
1800 SW 1st Avenue
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Portland, OR 97201**

To Whom it May Concern,

The Tigard Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the SW Corridor Light Rail Project which will provide a vital light rail/MAX connection from Portland into and through Tigard including Downtown Tigard and our neighboring city Tualatin. We have been actively engaged with this project more or less since its inception through participation in various metro committees and through engagement with local ballot initiatives necessary to see this project come to fruition.

We have seen in other local jurisdictions, investment both private and public flourish around light rail nodes and lines benefiting those local economies. I have sat through presentations and study results on what mode would be best for the SW Corridor and agree with the conclusion of light rail. I get constant feedback from residents and businesses about increased commuting times, increased traffic, congestion and more, which affects quality of life, impacts business bottom line and service delivery.

High capacity transit in Tigard and the South Metro area is vital to manage the future growth that is projected in the region over the next 20 years. Having multiple modes of transit available is vital for commerce and a healthy society. It is beneficial to the economic development of the Tigard Triangle as well as the Downtown Tigard urban renewal district. This project is vital for Tigard and vital to the region to help manage its growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dabi Mollahan', is written over a long, thin horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature area.

**Dabi Mollahan
CEO, Tigard Chamber of Commerce**



TUALATIN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Date: March 23 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer our support for the Southwest Corridor project. The Chamber's mission is to promote, educate and support a vital business community and enhance the livability of the greater Tualatin, Oregon area. This project will allow Metro and its partners to maximize the economic benefit of connecting our communities by providing access to education and jobs via High Capacity Transit.

The Southwest Corridor project is significant to our metropolitan region and will focus resources on six important places and the educational institutions that define them: Portland State University, Oregon Health Science University, Portland Community College Sylvania; the Tigard Triangle, Bridgeport Village and the Tualatin Industrial/Manufacturing District.

This corridor will create a connection for the west side of the metro region and reaching many neighborhoods characterized by higher poverty rates and more ethnic diversity than in other parts of Portland. The Southwest Corridor runs through an area home to 26 percent of the region's jobs and 11 percent of the population.

Our region will undertake detailed planning in the six key areas named above, aligning land use, local transportation choices, and development plans. The results will enable the educational institutions and others to anticipate and capture the economic, social and environmental value of planned regional high capacity transit investments. In addition, we will also develop place-based agreements that identify responsibilities for implementation of the plans. The agreements will focus on such issues as development patterns, housing affordability, safety improvements, infrastructure funding, job training, hiring, and ongoing participation and communication.

In addition, the Southwest Corridor project would connect Oregon's largest high schools with the community colleges and universities as well as employers around the region. The benefits of high capacity transit are critical to the entire Portland metropolitan region by providing the vital link for access to education and jobs for the next generation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Moholt, CEO, IOM
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City of Tigard

May 9, 2017

The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Madam Speaker:

Tigard is pleased with the possibility of a transportation package this legislative session. Increased traffic continues to be one of the most troubling issues in our region and I'm sure, statewide. Thank you for addressing it.

I am a member of the multi-jurisdictional Southwest Corridor Steering Committee and state funding to address the region's three highway bottleneck projects (Hwy. 217, I-5/Rose Quarter and I-205/Abernathy Bridge) and the SW Corridor light rail project is essential for bringing solutions to this ever-increasing problem. A state contribution of \$150 million will help to leverage an additional \$1.5 billion in federal funds for an important transit project in our part of the region. This would be an unusual 15:1 leverage of state dollars when combined with local funds.

Tigard and the entire state will benefit if these four projects are built. Not only will car traffic be relieved, but a light rail line providing direct access from Tigard and Tualatin to downtown Portland (along with equitable development and housing throughout the corridor and light rail line and other roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects to help people get to transit) will connect the corridor's communities and relieve about 25 percent of I-5 traffic. That's significant. This light rail line will also connect our educational institutions: PSU, OHSU, PCC, George Fox and the National University of Natural Medicine.

Lottery funding has been a beneficial funding method for light rail ever since the lottery began. I urge you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor light rail project, a project supported by a broad coalition of businesses, business associations, labor unions, local governments and non-profits.

Sincerely,

John L. Cook, Mayor
City of Tigard

cc: *Senator Richard Devlin*
Senate President Peter Courtney



Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

May 11, 2017

Dear Speaker Kotek,

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) is a non-profit advocacy group supporting issues of importance to Clackamas County Businesses. CCBA is excited the legislature has put so much effort into studying Oregon's transportation needs.

Clackamas County, particularly in the I-205 corridor, has been identified as encumbering all of the state's commerce. Freight, stuck in traffic, hurts our ability to grow jobs.

CCBA supports the three-bottleneck highway projects – Highways 217, 205 near the Abernathy Bridge and I-5 at the Rose Quarter. As you know, these projects have been identified as must do road projects. In addition, the SW Corridor light rail has also been identified as critical. The legislature and region anticipate a regional bond measure that will use local funds to match funds received for all four of these projects.

To that end, we encourage you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor light rail project. Without this lottery funding, which has gone to support all light rail planning since the lottery was established, the SW Corridor project will not be ready for the anticipated bond measure that will include the three bottleneck projects. This 12-mile SW Corridor light rail is anticipated to carry 25 percent of the people currently using that part of I-5 and will significantly ease congestion.

Oregon is long overdue with transportation funding and CCBA appreciates your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette L. Mattson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Annette Mattson
CCBA President



City of Tualatin

www.tualatinoregon.gov

May 12, 2017

The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Madam Speaker:

We in Tualatin are pleased with the possibility of a transportation package this legislative session. Traffic is one of the state's biggest problems and we are glad you are addressing it.

I am a member of the SW Corridor Steering Committee and I am urging your support of the lottery request for the SW Corridor Light rail line from downtown Portland to Tualatin. Lottery money is a long established funding method for the state to support transit.

This light rail line will carry about a quarter of the traffic using I-5 in the SW Corridor. That's a huge option for a lot of people. Also, transit projects bring a significant federal match that no other projects can achieve.

Lottery funding has been used for light rail ever since the lottery began. I encourage you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor light rail project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Ogden".

Lou Ogden
Tualatin Mayor

C: Senator Devlin
Senate President Courtney



WASHINGTON COUNTY

OREGON

May 18, 2017

The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Madam Speaker and Senate President:

We are pleased the legislature appears to be supporting a transportation package. Oregon's residents recognize traffic in the metropolitan area as most harmful to the state's economic growth. Traffic here encumbers the state's commerce because freight, stuck in traffic, hurts Oregon's ability to prosper. And it clearly affects our livability.

Three bottleneck highway projects – Highways 217, 205 near the Abernathy Bridge and I-5 at the Rose Quarter – have been identified as 'must do' road projects along with the SW Corridor Light Rail that serves Tigard and Tualatin. This 12-mile SW Corridor Light Rail line is anticipated to carry about 25 percent of the people currently using the corresponding stretch of I-5, significantly contributing to the ease of its congestion.

To that end, we encourage you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor Light Rail project. Lottery funding has been used to support light rail since the lottery's establishment. Lottery funding will ensure the SW Corridor project will be ready for the anticipated bond measure which includes the three bottleneck projects to address state facilities in the Portland region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Duyck, Chairman
Washington County Board of Commissioners

AD/cd/cj

cc: Neil McFarlane, TriMet General Manager
Washington County Board of Commissioners

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Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.

The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

May 15, 2017

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We at the Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. support and urge the Oregon Legislature to pass a transportation package that includes \$150 million in lottery funding for SW Corridor Light Rail.

TriMet has Oregon's best record among public agencies for hiring, training and contracting with minority contractors and women in construction.

Women in the construction trades can dream about equality, but unless we have an opportunity to work, it will just remain dreams. TriMet helped us.

On the Portland to Milwaukie Orange Line Light Rail project, women apprentices worked 20 percent of overall labor hours and made up 11 percent of the overall workforce. That is unprecedented.

It happened because TriMet actively and aggressively sought women workers. These women now have experience, a track record that can lead to more work and more importantly barriers to employment were broken.

In Oregon, we can do more with big construction projects than come out with a big, beautiful project. We can advance equality and justice. TriMet works with us to do this. We hope you fund the SW Corridor project so our members can continue to advance employment equality in Oregon.
Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Connie Ashbrook, Executive Director
503.335.8200 Ext. 22

cc: Senator Richard Devlin
Senate President Peter Courtney
Senator Lew Fredrick



The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301

May 11, 2017

Dear President Courtney and Speaker Kotek:

We at the National Association of Minority Contractors in Oregon (NAMC-OR) urge you to pass a transportation package that includes \$150 million in lottery funding for Southwest Corridor Light Rail.

TriMet has Oregon's best record among public agencies for hiring, training and contracting with minority contractors for major construction projects. TriMet's minority hiring program has become the model for all agencies in the state. Governments and private corporations across America have reviewed it seeking lessons learned in achieving minority hiring.

For minority contractors, lack of training and access to business development are two major barriers to achieving successful careers and businesses. TriMet's efforts on the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project resulted \$170 million contracts awarded to 130 DBE firms.

Lottery funding is Oregon's established funding for light rail. The request of \$150 million is significantly lower than requests for previous -- and shorter -- light rail lines. This lower request makes it quite reasonable. Light rail funding makes sense for Oregon and achieves more than just another transportation project. It will transform peoples' lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Miller".

Executive Director, NAMC-Oregon

cc: Senator Richard Devlin
Senate President Courtney



YOUR CHAMBER
North Clackamas

May 16, 2017

TriMet
Tom Markgraf
Director of Public Affairs
1800 SW 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Tom Markgraf,

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the SW Corridor Light Rail Project which will provide a vital light rail/MAX connection from Portland through Tigard and on to Tualatin.

Our Chamber is actively engaged in supporting a State-wide transportation package, expanding I205, 217 and the 84 interchange and we feel that this project would be crucial in helping to alleviate the congestion that is increasingly worse, year over year.

As a Chamber connected to Milwaukie and the newest of the rail lines, we are pleased to see the level of ridership increase from just a year ago and it appears to be favored by many people traveling downtown for business and pleasure.

We are certain that a new line on the SW side will be just as beneficial to its residents and commuters.

Sincerely,

Laura Edmonds
President & CEO



The Honorable Tina Kotek
900 Court Street NE, Rm. 269
Salem, OR 97301

May 15, 2017

RE: SW Corridor Light Rail Project

Dear Speaker Kotek,

We are writing you in support of the SW Corridor Light Rail Project of TriMet. We feel this is an important state investment that will better connect the region and ease congestion for both goods and people to be able to flow throughout the region and the state.

Our region's traffic has been identified as encumbering all of the state's commerce. Freight, stuck in traffic, hurts our ability to grow jobs and is a significant hurdle for all our business in the state to be able to get their goods to market efficiently and timely. The increase in residents moving to the Portland-Metro Area is a major reason for this increased traffic where there is a clear need to provide more mass transit options. This is why our organizations, as well as many of our members, have been involved in the Division Transit Project (known as Bus Rapid Transit) to better connect residents to mass transit options.

On behalf of the membership of the East Metro Economic Alliance, we strongly encourage you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor light rail project. Without this lottery funding, which has gone to support all light rail planning since the lottery was established, the SW Corridor project will not be ready for the anticipated bond measure that will include bottleneck project—Highways 217, 205 near the Abernathy Bridge and I-5 at the Rose Quarter. These bottlenecks along with the elimination of container service at Terminal 6 make it difficult and costly to move both goods and people through the metropolitan area.

This 12-mile SW Corridor light rail is anticipated to carry 25 percent of the people currently using that part of I-5, thereby significantly helping ease congestion and better allow goods to flow to markets and people to their employers and lower costs for everyone.

Oregon is long overdue with transportation funding and we salute your leadership on this. Feel free to contact us at any time and we are happy to provide additional information on how this project would be beneficial to Oregon.

Best regards,

Jarvez D. Hall

Jarvez Hall, MBA
East Metro Economic Alliance Executive Director
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The East Metro Economic Alliance (EMEA) is a non-profit organization comprised of area businesses, chambers of commerce, other non-profit organizations and public agencies working together to shape the future of East Metro through economic advocacy. EMEA builds consensus and promotes action on issues vital to the economic development and livability of the East Metro region including East Portland, Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, and Wood Village.

P.O. Box 422 Gresham, OR 97030



**Oregon Health & Science University
Portland State University
Portland Community College
Support the
Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project**

The proposed Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project presents a unique opportunity to link the main campuses of our three public institutions of higher education, creating one of the most important “education corridors” in the region. Between the three institutions, we serve nearly 46,000 students and thousands more instructors, patients, family members, classified employees and support service personnel – all in one of the most congested travel corridors in the state.

These are just a few of the reasons why we are so excited about the potential to bring light rail service to this corridor. Maximizing access for our students, patients and employees while reducing the impact of parking and traffic congestion on our institutions and the surrounding community is critical to our current and future success. The Southwest Corridor project promises to provide a much-needed alternative to our over-burdened streets and highways.

Linking the three institutions with this convenient and sustainable high-capacity transit connection will allow us to build on the collaboration that already exists among our schools. This new link in the light rail system will further strengthen ties between the three institutions, making it easier for students to pursue multi-disciplinary studies across the campuses and drawing the maximum value and advantage from the expertise that each has to offer.

Joseph E. Robertson Jr., M.D., M.B.A.
President
Oregon Health & Science University

Wim Wiewel, Ph.D.
President
Portland State University

Mark Mitsui
President
Portland Community College



May 10, 2017

**The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269
Salem, Oregon 97301**

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am writing in support of the transportation package currently under consideration by the State Legislature, particularly in regards to extension of light rail and mass transit to the underserved communities in the greater Portland area. At CenterCal Properties, we have been involved in several light-rail-served projects such as Cascade Station at PDX, Gresham Station and others in states such as Utah. The light rail component has always been a welcome part of our transportation planning, and will in years to come have an even greater part to play.

I support the planning of the SW Corridor light rail line. When built, it will take about a quarter of the traffic off of that portion of I-5 and it will give Tualatin and Tigard residents easy, direct access to downtown Portland.

I also encourage you to dedicate \$150 million in state lottery funds to the SW Corridor light rail project. Lottery funding has been an established funding method for light rail ever since the lottery was established, and the extension of the light rail would be an exemplary legacy for these funds.

Oregon is long overdue for a transportation package and we salute your leadership on this.

Sincerely,


**Fred Bruning
Chief Executive Officer**

**cc: Senator Richard Devlin
Senate President Courtney**

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International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, Transportation Workers

LOCAL UNION NO. 16

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February 13, 2017

**Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301**

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard-working members of SMART Local 16.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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You will not find another infrastructure project in Oregon that provides this much bang for the buck – leveraged funds, jobs and a transportation option for thousands of commuters who battle congestion every day. This project enjoys the full support of the labor community for what it can do for all of us!

Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council!

Sincerely,

**Charlie Johnson
Business Manager/FST**

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International Union of Operating Engineers

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JAMES ANDERSON
Business Manager & Financial Secretary

April 19, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard-working members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,

James (Jimbo) Anderson
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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JAMES ANDERSON
Business Manager & Financial Secretary

April 19, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard-working members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701.

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Sincerely,

James (Jimbo) Anderson
Business Manager/Financial Secretary



United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

AFFILIATED WITH AFI-CIO AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT

Local Union No. 49

5032 S.E. 26th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97202
(503) 232-4807

April 18, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE. S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of Roofers and Waterproofers Local 49.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,
Russ Garnett, Business Manager



UNITED ASSOCIATION
of Journeymen and Apprentices of the
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of
the United States and Canada

Founded 1889

Letters should
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UA Local Union:

Subject:

March 31, 2017

Mark McManus
General President

Patrick H. Kellett
General Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Pleasant
Assistant General President

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,

Al Shropshire
Business Manager
UA Local 290





February 13, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

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Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council!

Sincerely


David W Burger

President, Dave Burger Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Gritz

265 S.E. Scott Street, Bend, Oregon 97702

541-382-4872



February 13, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of the Central Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council.

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February 14, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), which represents over 200 small businesses that employ 4,000 workers in Oregon's electrical industry.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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You will not find another infrastructure project in Oregon that provides this much bang for the buck—leveraged funds, jobs, and a transportation option for thousands of commuters who battle congestion every day. This project enjoys the full support of NECA, whose members will be instrumental in the construction of this project.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon businesses, and thank you for supporting the small businesses of NECA!

Sincerely,

Tim Gauthier, Secretary/Executive Manager



**SOUTHERN OREGON
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL**
IN AFFILIATION WITH
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ... CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

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March 31, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members within the Southern Oregon Building and Construction Trades.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council!

Sincerely,
Southern Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council

Dennis Dover
President



Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas



March 31, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of the Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Building Trades Council.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,



President



Secretary/ Treasurer



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March 2, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of the Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers, Local 1 of Oregon.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council!

Sincerely,

Matt Eleazer, President
BAC, Local #1 Oregon

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March 3, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of Cement Masons Local 555.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely

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Geoffrey Kossak
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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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March 27, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Courts St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard-working members of IBEW Local Union 280.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,

Drew Lindsey
Business Manager &
Financial Secretary
I.B.E.W. 280

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February 13, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard-working members of Laborers' local 737.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you can make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,



Zack Culver
Business Manager/ Secretary Treasurer
Laborers' Local 737

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February 13, 2017

**House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301**

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the hard working members of Ironworkers Local 29.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregon's working people and thank you for supporting the men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council!

Sincerely,

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**Joseph A. Bowers, FS-T/BM
Ironworkers Local 29**



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March 1, 2017

House Speaker Tina Kotek
900 Court St. NE, Room 269
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Kotek:

We know you share our number one concern: jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the 4,300 hard-working members of IBEW Local 48.

Now, as a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, you have the opportunity to make a state investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,


Gary Young
Business Manager
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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 48
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IBEW Local 125

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

May 8, 2017

Senate President Peter Courtney
900 Court St. NE, S-201
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney:

As an Oregon legislator, we know you share our number one concern: quality jobs for Oregonians. I am writing on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 125. Our 3,300 members, including 2,100 in Oregon, are employed in the electric utility industry throughout the Pacific Northwest.

For our members who work, travel, and visit the Portland-metro area, they are experiencing the same challenges as others when commuting around the city. As a leader in the 2017 Legislative Session, we seek your assistance in promoting an opportunity to make an investment in a project that will provide thousands of jobs for Oregonians throughout this state: TriMet's Southwest Light Rail Project. We are asking you to budget \$150 million in lottery-backed bonds in the 2018-2019 budget to contribute to this project. The state investment will leverage over \$2 billion in federal and local funds. It will create over 23,000 jobs for Oregonians across the state.

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Sincerely,

Travis Eri
Business Manager
IBEW Local 125

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Marcy Grail, IBEW Local 125

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