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Please accept this testimony on behalf of Chair Duyck, Washington County Board of Commissioners for SB 5530.

Regards,

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The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney
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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

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