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Senator Fred Girod
900 Court St NE, S-401
Salem, OR, 97301

Representative Rick Lewis
900 Court St NE, H-479
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2017-3

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Lewis:

We are writing today to encourage support for an amendment to HB 2017-3, proposed by the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, which omits municipal transit agencies as a “qualified entity” entitled to be a “recipient” of new transit funds. The City of Silverton relies heavily on this support to provide trolley service to our residents.

We believe this omission was unintentional, but left uncorrected could have a major detrimental impact to the City’s ability to provide improved, quality transit services to the public. Please consider the following proposed amendment to add municipal transit agencies to HB 2017-3, page 261:

- “SECTION 122n. As used in sections 122n to 122r of this 2017 Act:
 - “(1) ‘Qualified entity’ means the following entities that are eligible to receive a percentage distribution of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Fund:
 - “(a) Counties in which no part of a mass transit district or transportation district exists;
 - “(b) Mass transit districts organized under ORS 267.010 to 267.390;
 - “(c) Transportation districts organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650; and
 - “(d) Federally recognized Indian tribes.
 - “(e) Municipal transit agencies owned and operated by a city providing regularly scheduled fixed route and paratransit transportation services to the general public.
 - “(2) ‘Recipient’ means a qualified entity that is in receipt of a percentage distribution of funds from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund.

Sincerely,

Kyle Palmer
Mayor
City of Silverton

Cc: Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization