

# **Testimony of George Endicott Mayor, City of Redmond**

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# People Need To Get Around Our Region



# Why This New Model

	<b>Under New Transit District</b>	<b>Using Existing Organization</b>
Creates new government bureaucracy	Yes	No
Same rate forced on all cities	Yes	No
Creates independent voting authority separate from city leaders	Yes	No
Requires City and citizen participation/public input for all recommendations	No	Yes
Oversight by elected city councilors / county commissioners guaranteed	No	Yes
Citizens in each community decide on their own timeline, or WHETHER to join at all	No	Yes
Best for citizen participation	No	Yes

# Bottom Line

- The region needs effective, efficient transit system for workers, business, and seniors.
- It can't be a one size fits all.
- Each community needs a strong voice and the power to make their own decision
- This is a common sense, governance model that utilizes an existing organization, rather than creating a new bureaucracy