

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for high speed rail to be considered in the transportation package allocation. Passenger rail is important, MAX has been a valuable asset but ONLY Slow rail options is not the way to the future. Trimet is unsafe for reliable travel and it's losing thousands of dollars for basically using the trust system for payment. High speed rail is safe, fast and the investment will make the State richer for years to come.

Many people need better options than cars to commute and we can't just walk or bike everywhere especially if we live in Vancouver or Salem and need to get to our jobs in Portland. We are spending 3+ hours a day in traffic.

Thanks for the consideration,

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