From: Kem Marks To: **JCT Exhibits** Subject: STIF amendments

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To the JCT:

Rosewood Initiative is supportive of the effort to expand public transit options to young people in our community and supports the 1% set-aside from STIF funds. We recognize that the students in our community have transportation needs outside of that provided by school districts including accessing employment, taking care of family responsibilities, and social activities. Having said this, I am concerned that there is only one category that could have a specified amount with dedicated funding from STIF. Future changes to HB 2017 should ensure that minimum percentages are dedicated to new and enhanced service to low income communities. Further, future changes should include a minimum percentage of what constitutes "an area with a high percentage" of low income households. TriMet's proposal to the STIF AC of 30% makes a mockery of the concept of "high percentage". We urge the committee to closely monitor implementation of this requirement and ensure that STIF resources truly go to the people that HB 2017 intended.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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