



April 8, 2019

Senator Lee Beyer and Representative Caddy McKeown, Co-Chairs  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE, HR F  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for SB 413**

When it comes to transportation in the Metro Region, we must develop a bold, multimodal vision for addressing the congestion and mobility challenges that are negatively impacting the quality of life of our residents and the viability of our businesses.

The City of Hillsboro remains committed to working with our partners to develop that vision. I am pleased to sit on the regional task force overseeing the development of the 2020 Regional Transportation Bond Measure and I am optimistic about where we are headed. The City also continues to advocate for near term solutions specific to the Highway 26 Corridor, the Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor and the Max Red Line extension with the intention of developing solutions in coordination with regional and state partners to improve commuter and freight mobility to support residents and businesses. We recognize that many of these efforts are complex, will take time to resolve, and will also require a variety of tools to deliver. These efforts are also critical, happening now, and where our near-term efforts reside.

However, I don't think we can discount or ignore bold ideas that could help address the massive mobility challenges we face. SB 413 provides a locally driven option to address the mobility challenges of the future by allowing cities and counties to collaborate and partner to implement the authority granted in the legislation. While I don't foresee the City looking immediately at the authority provided in SB 413 should it pass, I think it is important to expand the resources available to local communities to address the transportation challenges we face and those we will face in the future.

For those reasons I support SB 413. It is a bold idea that could be an important implementing tool to address crippling congestion in the Metro Region in coordination with our partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Callaway'.

Mayor Steve Callaway