



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
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Dear Chairs Girod, Holvey and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gary Young and I serve as the Business Manager and Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 48 I represent over 5,000 members in Northwest Oregon & Southwest Washington. I am proud to represent thousands of workers who live, work and play in Portland every day.

I write today to ask for your support in granting TriMet \$25 million from the lottery bond to move forward the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project. We are excited about the thousands of well-paying jobs this project will create, especially the hundreds of opportunities this opens up for apprentices. The training opportunity these large projects offer is critical to the creation of a diverse construction workforce for the future. Furthermore, our members pay a price every day as they sit in congestion and traffic which in itself is a tax on all of our time away from productive work and family.

IBEW Local 48 supports investment in transit infrastructure to help with regional traffic congestion. We believe the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project is a key need for TriMet and would benefit the greater Portland community in many ways.

Thank you for your support of TriMet's \$25 million request for this great project.

Sincerely,

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