

The Central City MAX tunnel has by far the greatest cost-benefit ratio of any major transportation project the region could be undertaking. A short 3 mile tunnel would unlock regional scale benefits, improving frequency and reliability across the entire 60 mile long system. 3 mile project that delivers major benefits on an entire 60 mile system; from Clackamas to Gresham to Washington County.

That's remarkable, there is nothing else that delivers that kind of return on investment, and what makes it better is that the Federal Transit Administration's Core Capacity Program has the funds to pay for much, or maybe even a majority of it.

In the transportation package, Trimet needs funds for planning work and a local match so that it can apply for a grant from the FTA. Our central city tunnel would be very competitive for that grant, but we have to apply! So please give Trimet the cash that it needs!

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