

Hi,

It is of utmost importance that more money is given to Tri-Met. The building of a central city tunnel would radically improve the efficiency and reliability of the MAX system, which is 60 miles long. As a commuter who regularly uses the system, I regularly wait for late trains because they get caught up in the central city. It's a slog going from 60mph to below 25mph. Because the MAX slows down in the city, it's not competitive transport. Oregon should have a MAX system that allows all of its infrastructure to be fast and on time, and also be COMPETITIVE with driving a car in more areas. Vancouver Canada has a lite rail system with 3 minute lead times. 3 minutes!

This legislature has the ability to save millions of dollars for all the Oregonians who would be able to use the MAX system over driving their car, either by not paying for gas/electricity or not having a car entirely. This legislature can save millions of tons of CO2 by preventing those car trips. The federal government is ready to pay for most of the tunnel's cost. Oregon just needs to get the ball rolling.

Thanks,

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