

Submitted testimony from Adrienne Leverette, Mt Tabor / Portland below the line:

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I am writing in support of drastically increased investments in public transit. If growth and quality of life are what we are after, then high quality public transit is the only way to make it happen. A vibrant public transit system is the most efficient, safest, healthiest, and—when done right—most pleasurable way to get around a city of any size. Public transit supports mobility for people of all ages, abilities and incomes. Public transit reduces negative climate impacts. Public transit stimulates development and local economies. Whatever bad things people have to say about public transit are the result of insufficient investment and untapped ridership potential. I know we're all still traumatized by the pandemic, etc, but we have to rise above our fears and work toward a future where everyone can thrive. This is 2024: we need to take a clear-eyed look at the future and make the investments that will give our children and grandchildren the resources and quality of life they deserve.