

Responding to the email sent out about the upcoming Oregon Legislature Joint Committee on Transportation listening sessions. I am not able to attend in person, but I wanted to share my feedback that Oregon and Portland are not taking transit seriously if they are not prioritizing the Trimet downtown tunnel project. Until Downtown bottlenecks and travel times are improved for the Max, Trimet ridership will likely continue to stagnate. Transit needs to have comparable or better travel times to driving, and until Downtown Portland bottlenecks are fixed, Max ridership will not be an attractive option for regional travel.