

Hi,

We should accelerate the ramp-up schedule of the Trimet Transit District Payroll Tax. These funds should be used to a) double down on solving the operator shortage, 2) expanding service in the city of Portland, and 3) combined with the cost-savings of phasing out ticketing infrastructure, moving to a fare-less transit system by 2027.

Portland-area businesses have done very well in recent years, and that's reflected in recent analysis coming out of Salem. Those same businesses can afford marginal payroll tax increases to keep the Portland metro area on track to meet our goals on transit infrastructure, transit service, and climate resilience.

Better transit results in better transit utilization; better transit utilization builds a Portland that can better meet the needs of the Portland community. Let's all get on board!

Sincerely,
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