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MaryAnn Potter  
Centro Cultural

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,

For the record, my name is MaryAnn Potter, and I am a resident of Washington County and I support increased funding for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF).

As the oldest Latino nonprofit in Oregon, Centro serves as a safe place for our local Latino community. Our mission is: “to serve the needs of our diverse community by promoting personal growth and empowerment.”

In partnership with Ride Connection, Centro operates a mini-bus, transit van and an Electric Vehicle. Centro has grown its transportation program due to the increase in need for Latino seniors and people with disabilities enrolled in our senior services programs at Centro Cultural. Centro also partners with TriMet providing short-term fare assistance to community members in Washington County.

With increased STIF funding to our partners Ride Connection and TriMet, Centro will benefit in providing continued and improved services to the 500 seniors we serve monthly and the greater community, such as door to door service.

Therefore, I urge the Joint Committee on Transportation as you prepare for the 2025 session to strongly consider the expansion of the STIF program. This will greatly impact and benefit the residents of Washington County.

Sincerely,

*MaryAnn Potter*  
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