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February 7, 2023

Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, Room 453

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Fellow Committee Members,

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2023 the Keizer City Council received testimony and unanimously voted to support HB 2662 which would commission a study about the feasibility of extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. Keizer joins the other communities on this proposed line expansion in wanting to study the practicality of this service extension.

We believe this study is congruent with Oregon's values by investing in mass transit. Our hope is that this service expansion would provide Oregonians with additional choices for living and how more choices on how to get themselves to their places of employment and recreational opportunities. This service has the potential to impact housing choice, transportation congestion, and green house emission goals.

Keizer is well positioned to receive this service with the commuter line already available at Cherriots regional bus transfer station on the north side of the Salem Keizer metropolitan statistical area. The City of Keizer requests that the Committee pass HB 2662 with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cathy Clark

CC: Sen. Brian Boquist, Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, Sen. Lyn Findley, Sen. Lew Frederick, Sen. Aaron Woods, Rep Paul Evans, Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich, Rep. Kevin Mannix, Rep. Nancy Nathanson, Rep. Khanh Pham, Sen. Kim Thatcher, Rep. Courtney Neron, Sen. Aaron Woods

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