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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: In Favor Testimony - HB 2662 Study Extending WES to Salem

Dear Senators and Representatives,

The Street Trust is a membership advocacy organization representing street users from across Greater Portland, Oregon. We advocate to break the political gridlock to address unsafe and incomplete public streets that threaten lives and livelihoods, and to win policy and investments that save lives, reduce barriers, and expand mobility and opportunities to the people and neighborhoods our current system neglects.

We support HB 2662, which would spend \$500,000 studying the extension of WES Commuter Rail from Wilsonville to Salem; however, it is imperative that this study centrally consider:

- **Equity impacts on priority communities across the greater Portland metro** including communities of color, people with limited English proficiency, youth, transit-dependent people and people with limited vehicle access, residents of affordable housing units, people with low incomes, seniors, people with disabilities, people with low & medium wage jobs, and people working in essential retail/human/social services jobs
- **Climate impacts, greenhouse gas pollution, and air quality impacts** on the greater Portland metro and beyond

Thank you for your continued leadership on improving transportation for Oregonians.

Respectfully submitted,

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