

Submitter: Fiona Lyon
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2756

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

TriMet's Transit-Oriented Development Program is keen to support its agency partners seeking to advance transfer of Hall Boulevard from ownership by the State of Oregon to the City of Tigard. This jurisdictional transfer will allow Hall Blvd to continue functioning as the City's backbone while laying the groundwork for future corridor investments which maximize connectivity through a variety of integrated and multi-modal options for transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Hall Boulevard is an essential corridor for the Tigard community and the many neighborhoods that it provides passage to.

Our TOD program has been working closely with the City of Tigard to envision a comprehensive transit-oriented and walkable community in the years to come. Among other future investments, our team is actively participating as stakeholders in the Hall Boulevard Corridor Visioning Process. Through our involvement in this process, we can attest that City of Tigard staff, consultant team, and core community leaders have been working tirelessly with the community to re-envision this corridor as a complete street and have produced a suite of concept alternatives that deliver safe and enduring modal facilities in the years to come. We are eager to see this next step, a jurisdictional transfer proceed, which will allow many investments to follow.

We hope the Joint Committee of Transportation can approve this jurisdictional transfer and commend the State and City staff making this new future a reality.

Sincerely,

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