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Testimony by City of Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark Supporting SB 1572

Legislation Provides Opportunity to Improve I-5 Commuting Between Portland Metro Area–North Willamette Valley with Reliable High-Capacity Transit Option

Scheduled for public hearing on Feb. 13, 2024, before the Joint Committee on Transportation

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice-Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Keizer supports SB 1572 to study the feasibility of extending TriMet’s WES commuter rail service to include the mid-Willamette Valley. The collaborative approach proposed in this bill is consistent with how our jurisdictions work together on transportation issues in this region.

The City of Keizer supports offering our residents efficient, accessible, convenient, and reliable options to meet their transportation needs. In addition, the City of Keizer supports transportation services that bring visitors, customers, and businesses to our city and our region to enjoy the many benefits, services and amenities we have to offer.

The location of the proposed rail line is at the Keizer Transit Center, a state of the art hub for Salem Keizer Transit, which includes a park and ride, EV charging, access to several key transit routes, and is adjacent to I5. The possible rail stop also has connections for walking and biking to Keizer Station, home to Mavericks Independent League Baseball, retail and medical services, and includes the only In N Out Burger in Oregon that is north of Grants Pass.

The City of Keizer appreciates your consideration and urges a Do-Pass vote on SB 1572 with a referral to Ways and Means. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Clark, Mayor, City of Keizer