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I am writing to voice my support for studying the extension of WES commuter line service to Salem. Promoting public commuter rail transportation in the busy Salem and Portland corridor can do much to avoid ever more expensive and controversial projects to expand freeways. Historical records from around the nation confirm that expanding freeways only leads to greater volumes of vehicular freeway traffic, time-wasting bottlenecks at urban centers, and increased noise and air pollution for local communities. Let's make our current freeway system a modern model for the timely, unhindered transport of necessary goods and services by inspiring future generations to enjoy speedy, affordable, convenient passenger travel between these two busy regional cities. Thank you for receiving public comments.