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The extension of the WES service south into Salem is crucial in providing more options for residents to travel throughout the Willamette Valley. While there already is a bus service, rail service is more reliable, has higher capacity, and draws more users than bus services. Additionally, the rail service would enable more dense development within Salem and other serviced towns, helping to address the housing crisis. The longer that the state takes to address this major missing transportation link, the more expensive the project will become.