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On Behalf Of:

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As a citizen and taxpayer in Clatsop County and an elected commissioner on the board of the Sunset Empire Transportation District, I am sharing my concern that you are considering cutting funding for public transit. In our rural county, transit provides the only transportation for many of our citizens to commute to their jobs or to school or to medical appointments. It is in fact the ONLY mode of transportation for those who are homeless to get to their medical appointments or to meet with social service agencies to apply for or maintain their benefits. Clatsop county has the highest per capita homeless population and a struggling transit agency that serves the whole county.

Please do not reduce the funding that is needed to maintain transit services in Clatsop county.

However, please do consider more direct oversight of ODOT to improve its processes and to assure that ODOT is utilizing its funding properly.

Thank you.

Tita Montero

Citizen

City Councilor, City of Seaside

Commissioner, Sunset Empire Transportation District