



**City of Wilsonville Policy Position
Supporting HB 4008-5 Establishing a Transit Funding Task Force**

February 12, 2026

Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville, I am submitting this testimony in **support of HB 4008 and the -5 amendment**, which would establish a transit funding task force. Wilsonville **opposes the proposed -2 amendment**, which would shift the task force's attention away from the core issue—how to fund a transit system that works for taxpayers, riders, and operating agencies.

The City of Wilsonville operates an award-winning transit agency, South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) that offers convenient, reliable, and safe in-town and out-of-town express service. Additionally, we offer door-to-door Dial-A-Ride service for seniors or people with a disability and are proud to operate fare-free on all but one of our routes.

SMART went fare-free for many reasons, including reducing barriers, encouraging ridership, and driver safety (it has been over 9 years since a SMART driver was assaulted by a passenger). Transit is a public service. It is not a taxi, rideshare, or coach bus designed to earn revenue. It is designed to be a lifeline for those who need it. Wilsonville has designed our transit system to work for our community, and because of that, Wilsonville businesses and residents are supportive of paying into this shared system.

HB 4008-5 would bring together diverse stakeholders with a mandate to roll up our sleeves and take a frank look at the future of transit. The City of Wilsonville stands ready to be a partner in this conversation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shawn O'Neil', is placed above the printed name.

Mayor Shawn O'Neil
City of Wilsonville