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RE: Support for Regional Transit Priority Spot Improvements

Dear Mr. Norman,

Multnomah County is pleased to provide this letter of support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary Grant program to fund Transit Priority Spot Improvements in the region. Targeted investments to improve the speed and reliability of bus service are aligned with the Transportation System Plans of the Cities of east Multnomah County.

This program is beneficial to Multnomah County. TriMet has already made improvements to lines (Lines 2-Division, 21-Sandy Blvd./223rd & 87-Airport Way/181<sup>st</sup> Ave.) that benefit Gresham, Fairview, & Wood Village with the existing program. Improvements located in the City of Portland on a line that extends to East County is an improvement to service in East County because delays in Portland ripple all the way to the end of the line.

We are regional partners in achieving the vision of the Metro Regional Transit Strategy and believe that investing in Transit Priority and other enhanced bus service will contribute to progress toward this vision. As TriMet identifies potential improvements within Multnomah County, we will consider contributing resources for prioritized Transit Priority Spot Improvements.

The measured outcomes of piloted Transit Priority Spot Improvements make us optimistic that these investments produce results that improve the customer experience of using transit, encourage a mode shift from single occupant vehicles to transit, and contribute to reducing congestion in Multnomah County and the region.

Sincerely,



Ian B. Cannon, P.E.  
Transportation Director/County Engineer  
Multnomah County Transportation Division