



# ALLIANCE PACKAGING

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Re: Trimet Transportation Feedback

To Whom it May Concern:

Our company, Alliance Packaging, employs about 150 people and we are a manufacturer and distributor of corrugated and foam packaging products. We have our own fleet of trucks that deliver locally and regionally and we take advantage of local transportation services and common carriers to help meet our shipping demands and to cover routes that exceed our capacity each day. We are located just north of Hwy 26 on Jacobson Road between Cornelius Pass and Helvetia Road. Depending on our workload and staffing, anywhere from 10 to 20% of our employees rely on or would prefer to use public transportation to get to and from work. There is no bus service in our area so the Link Shuttle service is the only way to use public transportation for our employees. The Link service is limited by schedule and size of the shuttle so it does not work for all of our employees that want to use it. We run a 2 shift operation and there is no service at the end of swing shift. Also, many of our employees start at 5 am, especially when we are running OT, so there is no service at that time either. We also have to turn away temporary or part time employees that cannot make the Link Service Shuttle work for their specific work schedule and situation. We have also had several employees quit their jobs here because the shuttle service was too difficult to use on days that it is full and they would sometimes have to wait for 2 or 3 shuttles cycles before getting on one. It is very hard to lose or turn away employees that want to work here as it is so hard to get people right now.

It is only going to get worse before it gets better for transportation in our area. There is soon to be a UPS DC opening in our business center that will employ around 1000 people and the largest property in our business center has sold and will have a new business built on the 72 acre property which will undoubtedly employ at least a couple hundred people if not many more than that. Anything that can be done to improve transportation in this North Hillsboro area would be greatly appreciated and well utilized and continuing growth in this area will add to the utilization.

Thank you,

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