



WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Doug Kelsey
General Manager
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Dear Mr. Kelsey:

On behalf of the Washington County Coordinating Committee, I want to express our support for the HB 2017 Advisory Committee's recommendations for the transit proposal and appreciation for your staff in working through this new process. The recommendation reflects a balance of investments in a non-diesel bus fleet, services for low income, elderly and disabled populations and reduced service fragmentation.

In Washington County, the plan will add service to new areas, increase service frequency to others, secure funding for the expansion of the existing three shuttles in Tualatin, North Hillsboro and Forest Grove and initiate planning for a new shuttle in the Beaverton/Cooper Mountain/Aloha area. For this we are grateful.

However, the need for increased transit service in the County goes beyond what is proposed. The County's growth in jobs and population, the sizable share of low income and communities of color and the need for service both within the County, to Portland and the rest of the region has outpaced the service increases TriMet has been able to offer over the years. I ask that TriMet continue discussion and consideration of possible service implementation in Washington County over time.

The cities and unincorporated areas of Washington County are becoming increasingly dense and transit supportive. We look forward to partnering with you to address these transit needs.

Sincerely,

Roy Rogers, Chairman
Washington County Coordinating Committee

cc: Washington County Board of Commissioners
Andrew Singelakis, Director, Land Use & Transportation