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Luke Norman, Planner II TriMet 1800 SW 1st Avenue Portland, OR 97201

RE: Support for Regional Transit Priority Spot Improvements

Dear Mr. Norman,

The Portland Bureau of Transportation 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. As a partner in the pilot phase of implementing these types of improvements, we are impressed with the reduction in delay for buses, the benefits that are accruing to transit riders, and the incidental benefits to easing traffic congestion and conflicts for other road users.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is committed to continuing this program and increasing the number of Transit Priority Spot Improvements within the City of Portland. We see this as an important addition to our collaboration with TriMet that advances the vision of our Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan and helps us achieve our goals for increased transit ridership. To ensure that this project is successful, we have identified \$40,000 in local matching funds for the implementation Transit Priority Spot Improvements prioritized by TriMet in collaboration with the City of Portland and other local jurisdictions in the region.

Sincerely,

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Portland Bureau of Transportation

