



City of Tualatin

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RE: Washington County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary Grant Application

Dear STIF Selection Committee Members:

As the Mayor of Tualatin, I am expressing our support for Washington County's application for a Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant to fund community transit and demand response system technology capital improvements. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and software to enhance the safety and customer experience for our residents through the Tualatin shuttle.

For nearly two decades, the Tualatin Shuttle, operated by Ride Connection, has provided integral, on-demand, last-mile transit connections for local and regional employees. With the complete lack of transit service in our major employment centers, the Tualatin Shuttle has consistently provided an alternative form of transportation free to riders that connect employees from downtown Tualatin where bus lines and commuter rail converge, to jobs.

Additionally, without the last mile/first mile connectors, transportation disadvantaged populations would not be able to get to work as readily. Improving the efficiency, delivery and accessibility of transit will help reduce automobile trips and congestion, provide travel options and curb greenhouse gas and other emissions.

The City of Tualatin welcomes action from Washington County in administering this grant to support enhanced operations of last mile shuttles in an effort to reduce fragmentation and enhance existing services. Upgrades to the Tualatin Shuttle would meet the mobility needs of today's workforce by improving reliability and options.

I respectfully request that you give Washington County's application the fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Bubenik".

Frank Bubenik
Mayor, Tualatin