

TriMet
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To: Members of TriMet's Policy Advisory Committee,

North Clackamas School District (NCS D) is Oregon's seventh largest school district, and encompasses 32 schools spread over forty square miles. NCS D's mission is "Preparing graduates who are inspired and empowered to strengthen the quality of life in our local and global communities." A core value underlying this mission is the notion of access, and NCS D realizes that for too many of our students and families, reliable and affordable access is elusive. Among other consequences, limited access can negatively impact student achievement, along with hindering families' ability to fully engage in their student's educational journey. For these reasons, NCS D supports the following that would improve regional access for students and families:

- a) Improving the frequency of TriMet route #156, which serves Clackamas High School.
- b) Improvements in frequencies, hours of operation, and expansions of existing Clackamas County bus routes. Such enhancements are particularly important in facilitating access to after-school and extracurricular activities.
- c) Maintaining a youth fare program that allows students to travel for a reduced rate, or for free.

NCS D appreciates the opportunity to comment and applauds this committee's important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Utterback". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Utterback
Superintendent

