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Tom Mills, Service Planning Manager
TriMet
1800 SW 1st Avenue
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RE: Support for Regional Express / Limited Stop Bus Network Study

Dear Mr. Mills,

Multnomah County is pleased to provide this letter of support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary Grant program to fund a study that will lead to the creation of strategy for implementing Express/ Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder service in the Portland Metropolitan region. Reducing congestion and improving transit service are important aspects of the Transportation system Plans in the cities of Multnomah County (Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village). This project will advance these goals.

We are excited about the process of identifying, evaluating and eventually implementing Express Bus / Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder services in Multnomah County. As regional partners in this project Multnomah County will provide staff time and information resources to support the work of the project Technical Advisory Committee.

We recognize that further study and development is needed in order to provide new types of transit service that significantly contribute to reducing congestion in Multnomah County. This project is an important step toward implementation of faster, more reliable transit services throughout the region.

Sincerely,



Ian B. Cannon, P.E.
Transportation Director/County Engineer
Multnomah County Transportation Division