



Tom Mills, Service Planning Manager
TriMet
1800 SW 1st Avenue
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**RE: Support for TriMet's STIF Discretionary Grant Application for
Proposed Regional Express/Limited Stop Bus Network Study**

Dear Mr. Norman:

The City of Wilsonville, operator of the South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) agency, is pleased to provide this letter of support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant program to fund a proposed Regional Express/Limited Stop Bus Network Study.

The study is the first step towards the creation of strategy for implementing Express/Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder service in the greater Portland metropolitan region. Reducing congestion and improving transit service are important aspects of the City of Wilsonville's Transportation Systems Plan (TSP) and SMART's Transit Master Plan (TMPP), and TriMet's proposed project advances these goals.

We are excited about the process of identifying, evaluating and eventually implementing Express Bus / Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder services in the Wilsonville area. As regional partners in this project Wilsonville and SMART 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 the South Metro Area. This project is an important step toward implementation of faster, more reliable transit services throughout the region.

As a community located in both Clackamas and Washington Counties that seeks to improve public transit mobility options in the South Metro I-5 Corridor, we very supportive of TriMet's efforts to look at innovative methods of improving mobility.

Sincerely,

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville