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RE: TriMet support for Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy

Tom,

Thank you and Metro for leading the Southwest Corridor planning process. Once again, Metro has guided a thorough, community-based process for considering the region's next high capacity transit investment. Metro has asked for TriMet's support for the Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy that was adopted by the Project Steering Committee on July 22, 2012. I am pleased to convey TriMet's support for both the plan and shared investment strategy.

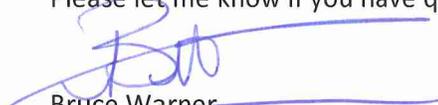
In 2009, Metro developed the High Capacity Transit System Plan, and this adopted plan selected the Southwest Corridor as the highest regional priority. Over the last three years, Metro has led the planning efforts for the Southwest Corridor, which included staff and policy officials from Sherwood, Tualatin, King City, Tigard, Durham, Beaverton, Lake Oswego, Portland, Multnomah and Washington Counties, TriMet and Metro. During this time, the Southwest Corridor Plan project partners worked with community members to define a coordinated land use vision for each city in the corridor that will help to guide future investments in the high capacity transit system while supporting active transportation, roadway and green infrastructure projects.

The Project Steering Committee adopted the vision, goals and objectives for the Southwest Corridor Plan in May 2012. The plan vision is one that supports, strengthens and connects livable and prosperous places from Portland to Sherwood as a way to address current needs and anticipated future growth.

In July 2013, the Project Steering Committee adopted the recommendation that details further actions necessary to support the shared land use vision and to refine alignment and design options for high capacity transit, including bus rapid transit and light rail transit, from Portland to Tualatin via Tigard. The recommendation also identified active transportation and roadway projects that support the land use vision and high capacity transit infrastructure. Finally, the recommendation calls for TriMet to invest in Southwest Corridor a transit service enhancement process intended to provide improved transit connections for corridor land use.

TriMet is supportive of the next steps that include furthering the Shared Investment Strategy and participating in the necessary planning efforts to refine High Capacity Transit alternatives along with associated roadway, active transportation, and parks and natural resource projects that support the land use vision for potential further study and pursuit of federal funds. TriMet's support is contingent on the continued support from the region and local partners in moving forward with a HCT investment and related land use plans. In addition, TriMet will move forward with the Southwest Transit Service Enhancement process.

Please let me know if you have questions.



Bruce Warner

TriMet Board President