

Sam Desue  
TriMet General Manager  
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Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mr. Desue,

We are writing in support of the TriMet and Metro Regional Government request for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) to fund the design and construction of next-generation Transit Signal Priority (TSP) projects in areas experiencing transit delay within the TriMet system.

This CPRG implementation grant will provide crucial support for improving transit travel time, reducing vehicle idling, and increasing mode shift to transit with targeted investments in Historically Disadvantaged Communities and Areas of Persistent Poverty.

Gresham is a participant in the current Better Bus program, which will employ TSP to improve travel times to the Gresham Transit Center and through our Rockwood urban center, one of the most diverse communities in the state with over 60 languages spoken. With leadership from TriMet and Metro, this funding will expand upon Gresham's history of successful deployment of TSP on its transit corridors since 2012.

Should TriMet receive funding through CPRG, City of Gresham will commit to:

- Participating in design efforts of Next Gen TSP projects, using the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Attending related training for Traffic Operations Center, traffic engineering and Information Systems staff.
- Committing staff capacity for grant-supported testing and configuring new traffic signal controllers for grant-related Next Gen TSP.
- Problem-solving in collaboration with TriMet and other public agencies connected to a Central Traffic Signal System.
- Monitoring performance metrics to assure mutual benefits are realized for the general public and operator agencies.

As a project partner, we are excited by this opportunity to build on Metro and TriMet's successful Better Bus program to support transit equity for our community members who need it most. Efficient public transit is a critical way we can keep people moving while meeting our ambitious climate goals; thank you for your full and fair consideration of this grant that would allow us to continue this great work for our region.

Sincerely,

*Steve Fancher*

Steve Fancher, City of Gresham Assistant City Manager