



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

March 22, 2024

Mr. Sam Desue
General Manager
TriMet
101 SW Main St., Suite 700
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mr. Desue,

I am writing to express Washington County's 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.

We appreciate the services TriMet provides for Washington County community members, but we have heard loud and clear from our community that faster and more reliable transit trips will encourage increased ridership. We also know that idling vehicles and delay are two of the primary causes of transportation emissions. TSP and other transit priority treatments are cost-effective investments to address these issues and are only made possible by a collaborative effort between transit agencies and local governments who manage the street network.

We appreciate that this proposal builds upon the Better Bus program, which has implemented more than 50 projects in the region, serving 39 TriMet routes and addressing 4,400 hours of passenger delay. Through the Better Bus program, we piloted low-cost transit priority treatments at one major arterial intersection serving both a current and a planned frequent service route. We are seeing 10-20 second travel time savings per bus during peak travel times.

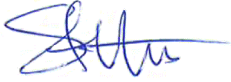
However, funding opportunities to make corridor-length TSP investments happen outside of larger-scale Capital Investment Grant projects are limited. As a project partner, we are excited by this opportunity to build on and expand Metro and TriMet's successful Better Bus program to support transit equity for our community members who need it most. Efficient public transit is a critical way we can keep people moving while meeting our region's ambitious climate and equity goals.

Should TriMet receive funding through CPRG, the Department of Land Use & Transportation commits to:

- Participate in design efforts of next generation TSP projects that use the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Attend related training for Traffic Operations Center, traffic engineering and Information Systems staff.
- Provide staff capacity for grant-supported testing and configuring new traffic signal controllers for grant-related next-generation TSP.
- Solve problems in collaboration with TriMet and other public agencies connected to the regional Central Traffic Signal Control System.
- Monitor performance metrics to assure mutual benefits are realized for the general public and operator agencies.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of TriMet's proposal that will allow us to continue this great work for our region and in our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Roberts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Roberts, AICP
Director of Land Use & Transportation