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Sam Desue
TriMet General Manager
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Dear Mr. Desue,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48 is pleased to partner with TriMet and Metro on their next-generation Transit Signal Priority (TSP) project and to support their funding request for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) funding. This project will build on our existing work with TriMet on their Better Bus Program to bring the air quality and transit travel time benefits of TSP to the communities that need it most in our region.

TriMet has a long history of collaboration with IBEW to build our industry workforce with initiatives like their registered apprenticeship program, joint labor-management program, and Construction Careers Pathways program. Next-generation TSP offers an exciting opportunity to utilize these workforce training programs to ensure that our region has the highly skilled and diverse workforce necessary to build the green projects of the future that will allow our region to hit our ambitious climate goals.

IBEW Local 48 is committed to this partnership and we look forward to our continued work with TriMet, Metro, and the rest of our regional partners to improve transit in our region, reduce pollution that contributes to climate change, and provide family-wage jobs for electrical professionals in the Northwest. We urge you to support this program and thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Garth Bachman
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