

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3705

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Mr. Michael Regan, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Administrator Regan -

I write in support of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and Metro Regional Government (Metro) 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 bus network.

Transportation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions, and investing in transit is a key strategy to make an impact on reducing those emissions. This project to implement the next generation TSP was identified as a cost-effective strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This CPRG funding would expand on a program and partnership between Metro and TriMet to have more regional impact on reducing emissions from transportation. Upon completion, transit signal priority will reduce transit delay, build ridership and improve the transit experience for riders who need transit most. Funding this coalition proposal will specifically improve the region's air quality through strategic investments in signal upgrades that will serve my constituents.

Funding from this new CPRG program will be instrumental in meeting the state and region's goals for reducing our emissions in Oregon.

Thank you for giving this grant application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Colin Swanson in my district office at Colin.Swanson2@mail.house.gov or (971) 403-4549.

Sincerely,



Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Member of Congress