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Dear General Manager Desue,

Today, TransPort voted unanimously to send this letter to accompany TriMet's application to the EPA's Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant program for Next Generation Transit Signal Priority (Next Gen TSP). Should TriMet receives this grant, TransPort is fully committed to supporting the project and working with regional partners to ensure its success.

TransPort is a formally recognized consortium of road and transit operator agencies. We are part of the region's transportation policy committee structure, charged with implementing the adopted 2021 Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) ten-year strategy. Next Generation Transit Signal Priority aligns with the regional TSMO vision: *Collaborate to provide reliable, agile, and connected travel choices so that all users are free from harm, and to eliminate the disparities experienced by Black, Indigenous, people of color, and people with low incomes.*

Specifically, should TriMet receive this grant, TransPort is committed to:

- Participate in CPRG Next Gen TSP projects from start to finish.
- Assist in the design by sharing existing systems engineering for Next Gen TSP and supporting more city and county operators through implementation.
- Continue effective performance of the projects by collecting and sharing metrics established by the first transit line, FX-2 Division, in service with Next Gen TSP since September 2022.

TransPort supports Next Gen TSP dating back to discussions in 2016, which culminated in a March 8, 2017 vote that included the vehicle-to-center system in use today. The vote helps TransPort fulfill its role to ensure interoperability across the region, guided by an Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture that echoes state and federal Architectures.

With committee bylaws, and a history of working together on Next Gen TSP, TransPort offers an existing and effective governance structure as well as a forum for collaboration. If TriMet is awarded this grant, TransPort will play a key role in vetting and problem solving as Next Gen TSP projects are implemented with CPRG funding. After deployment, TransPort will work through the regional TSMO program to assure continued investment that will extend the life and impact of this grant.

Thank you for your leadership requesting the resources TransPort also identifies as critical and strategic to reducing carbon pollution through a smarter transportation system.

Sincerely,

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