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Tom Mills, Service Planning Manager
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RE: Support for Regional Express / Limited Stop Bus Network Study

Dear Mr. Mills,

Metro is pleased to provide this letter of support for TriMet's application to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary Grant program to fund a study that will lead to the creation of strategy for implementing Express/ Limited Stop and Bus on Shoulder service in the Portland Metropolitan region. This work is supportive of the actions and policies identified in Metro's Regional Transit Strategy in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and contributes to achieving regional transit vision to make transit more frequent, convenient, accessible and affordable for everyone.

As a partner in this study, Metro is committing to providing staff support for the creation of models to project the speed, reliability and ridership of proposed express and limited stop bus corridors, as needed. Metro staff will also be available to contribute to the Technical Advisory Committee for this project.

We recognize that further study and development is needed in order to implement many of the recommendations that have come out of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update and TriMet's recently created Public Transportation Improvement Plan. This project is an important step toward implementation of faster, more reliable transit services throughout the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Bradway".

Margi Bradway
Deputy Director, Planning and Development