



June 18, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed 2024–27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment, which provides critical funding corrections, increases, and reprogramming for four projects essential to the future of our region’s transportation network.

The Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) is a nonprofit, public and private member-based organization that advocates for a healthy economy on the Westside of the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. WEA provides its members with a common voice on local, regional, state, and federal issues, such as transportation, workforce development, housing, land use regulations, and other westside infrastructure issues vital to the economic development of the region and state.

As the Executive Director of the Westside Economic Alliance, I recognize that reliable, modern transportation infrastructure is foundational to the economic vitality of the Portland metropolitan region. The Columbia River I-5 corridor is among the most significant transportation links in the country. The projects included in this MTIP amendment represent strategic investments that will benefit our region’s safety and economic vitality for generations to come.

A modernized I-5 crossing will reduce commute times, increase regional seismic preparedness, attract business investment, and position the Portland metro area as a competitive, 21st-century region. Delays or funding shortfalls could risk jeopardizing federal funding delivery timelines and the significant federal partnerships that have been secured to advance this work for the betterment of our region.

I respectfully urge the Metro Policy Advisory Committee and Metro Council to approve this MTIP amendment without delay. Thank you for your time, your continued leadership on regional transportation planning, and your commitment to the long-term prosperity of our community.

Sincerely,

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