

Mayor John Kovash
22500 Salamo Rd
West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Mayor Kovash,

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2011 regarding the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit (LOPT) Project. I expect that you will soon receive a letter from either Council President Tom Hughes or Councilor Carlotta Collette on behalf of the LOPT Project, expressing interest in discussing the issues you raise and others that may stem from activities in the corridor. TriMet expects to be actively involved in that discussion as well.

As TriMet's Board member from Clackamas County, I wanted to write you directly as well to assure you that TriMet is committed to continuing to provide transit service for trips within, to, and from West Linn, regardless of the outcome of the LOPT Project.

If Streetcar were to become the Locally Preferred Alternative, there are several steps in developing a transit project when we would look to work with you, other partners, and the public on how best to continue to provide bus service in West Linn. The DEIS analysis included a potential that the Line 35 could be interlined with Line 78, creating new single-seat rides between West Linn and Beaverton, Washington Square, Tigard, and PCC-Sylvania. In preparing for a Final Environmental Impact Statement, potential changes to current transit service would need to be identified and any potential impacts analyzed and discussed with project partners.

For past transit projects, the final pattern of bus services has only been determined after an extensive service planning effort in the two years ahead of opening of the project. This involves involvement from the jurisdictions, from current riders, and from other stakeholders. This timing also makes sure that current needs and desires are represented when the final service plan is created. It also means that options we haven't thought of yet may be feasible later. In short, no decisions have been made and there is time to work together to identify the best option.

If you have additional questions related specifically to TriMet's current work on the project, feel free to contact Alan Lehto, Director of Project Planning, lehto@trimet.org, 503-962-2136. I am confident the project partners can work through them, but feel free to contact me again in the future if necessary. Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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TriMet Board Member

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