



August 23, 2018

TriMet HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee
c/o Tom Mills
1800 SW 1st Ave., Suite 300
Portland, OR 97201

RE: TriMet HB2017 Funding Allocation

Dear TriMet HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee,

Jireh Semiconductor, Inc, would like to express its support for TriMet's proposed service improvements in Hillsboro and Washington County. We urge the HB2017 Advisory Committee to prioritize providing service and coverage in our community with this unprecedented funding opportunity.

Jireh Semiconductor is a semiconductor fab purchased by Alpha & Omega Semiconductor in 2012 with the goal of bringing manufacturing back to the United States. The Hillsboro location currently employees over 450 employees and continues to grow.

The number of jobs in Hillsboro has grown significantly in recent years. This is evident in the amount of traffic and congestion during rush hours. Yet, public transit remains scarce in the employment and industrial areas in north Hillsboro. The improvements in TriMet's latest proposal are a good start, but they are not enough. The proposed plan leaves some of the most glaring transit needs in our community unmet. For example:

- No fixed-route transit north of Evergreen Rd where most of the new job growth has occurred;
- Inadequate service hours and capacity on the North Hillsboro Link shuttle;
- Line 46 which serves Brookwood Pkwy and Dawson Creek Business Park runs only once an hour and only on weekdays;
- North-south service that links employment areas to MAX light rail and residential areas continues to be lacking.

The latest HB2017 proposal includes many worthwhile and noble objectives such as reduced fare for low income populations, as well as investments on clean fleet. However, these proposed benefits are of little or no value without actual service on the ground. Therefore, we urge the HB 2017 Advisory Committee to prioritize service and coverage in our growing community such that public transit is given the opportunity to become a meaningful form of transportation for the growing work force in Hillsboro and Washington County.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Bishop
Human Resources Director