



December 20, 2017

Neil McFarlane
TriMet Administrative Office
1800 SW 1st Ave, #300
Portland, OR 97201

Re: TriMet service expansion to Portland International Airport

Dear Neil McFarlane:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed bus route improvements to Portland International Airport (PDX). The intent of this letter is to express support for the proposed new all-night bus line providing 24-hour service to PDX, as well as specific support for the 82nd Avenue alternative with increased frequency.

Approximately 10,000 people work at PDX, many of whom commute to and from work early in the morning and late at night. This workforce relies heavily on the MAX Red Line, but that service ends between midnight and 5:00 a.m. each day. Being a 24-hour facility, this five-hour gap is particularly hard on workers without other forms of transportation.

PDX is quickly approaching 20 million annual passengers, a new record, and airport employment continues to grow to meet expanding passenger needs. A reliable, all-night bus line would help address this issue and support transit needs as airport employment grows. We specifically support the 82nd Avenue alternative, with the addition of more frequent service. This route will provide more direct service to PDX and we believe it will serve more users due to its proximity to housing. We support service every half-hour, as opposed to every hour, which will make it more of a realistic option for getting to work.

As you are so aware, reliability is only one piece of a commuter's consideration of transportation choices. To that end, we also support low income fares and expanded focus on the communities that need these options most.

We value our partnership with TriMet and look forward to working together to serve the transportation needs of our region as it grows.

Sincerely,

Curtis Robinhold
Executive Director