



Update to Board of County Commissioners

To: Board of County Commissioners
RE: SB 847
Date: 03-13-2023

Requested Action from the BCC

PGA is requesting direction on [SB 847](#).
 Proposed amendments: [-2](#), [-3](#), [-5](#), [-6](#), [-7](#), [-8](#)

<p>Summary</p>	<p>SB 847 aims to increase housing inventory by utilizing multiple tools, mostly related to property and land use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freezes property tax for 5 years following construction of ADUs or missing middle housing (likely to be amended to tighten parameters). • Allows residential uses on commercial lands • Exempts prevailing wage requirements for affordable housing portion of mixed-use projects (does not apply to commercial portions of projects) • Awards attorney fees for appeal of local governments’ denial of an emergency shelter application • Expands the definition of residential homes and residential facilities • Exempts affordable housing from Oregon Planned Community Act • Restricts local government ability to regulate condominiums
<p>Department Reviews and Comments</p>	<p>DTD – This bill is complex, and makes decisions at the state level that override local land use decisions. DTD would prefer to see fewer decisions like this at the state level and more tools provided for existing local systems. However, this particular bill establishes certain decisions that are already allowable within local code. Notes administrative burden to deliver many of the provisions within the bill.</p> <p>H3S/HACC – Supportive. One example that potentially benefits the HACC is the section that exempts prevailing wage requirements on affordable housing portions of mixed-use projects. This would lower the cost of portions of projects like the Hillside Redevelopment.</p> <p>PGA – This bill is authored by a Clackamas delegation member and one of the premier legislative voices on housing. This bill will likely pass in some form. Many local jurisdictions are providing recommended amendments to mitigate administrative impacts or clarify vague language.</p>
<p>Staff Recommendation</p>	<p>Take neutral position and direct PGA to work with bill sponsor and other jurisdictions to minimize impacts on local governments.</p>
<p>Timeline</p>	<p>SB 847 has a public hearing on Wednesday morning, March 15, at 8am.</p>



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RE: TriMet Earmark Support Request

Date: 03-14-2023

Requested Action from the BCC

TriMet is requesting a BCC support letter for a project they will submit for Congressionally Directed Spending.

Summary	<p>TriMet is submitting a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS/earmark) request to Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer (House District 5) to purchase 2 electric busses and improve signalization on Line 33. Line 33 connects the Clackamas Town Center to the Clackamas Community College through Milwaukie, the McLoughlin/99E corridor, and Oregon City.</p> <p>Operational funding is not a function of CDS requests related to transit.</p> <p>Total request is \$4 million, with a \$400,000 match by TriMet. Request would cover bus purchases, and materials purchase for signalization improvements. TriMet is already coordinating with relevant agency staff on how to implement a successful award.</p> <p>Congresswoman DeRemer is able to sponsor a total of 15 requests for her district, which includes parts of Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Deschutes Counties (including the City of Bend).</p>
Department Support	<p>DTD – Supports proposed improvements, satisfied with planned coordination in the event of a successful award, and notes alignment with County goal to be carbon neutral by 2050.</p> <p>PGA – TriMet’s CDS request should not compete or overlap with any request Clackamas is submitting in House District 5. The account they are targeting is THUD (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development), and specific to transit projects.</p> <p>Of Clackamas’ 4 CDS requests approved by the BCC, only 2 will be submitted through House District 5, and they are in different funding accounts related to public safety (Juvenile SBIRT High School request) and emergency preparedness (911 enhancements). Those requests have also been duplicated in the Senate submission process to increase odds of award.</p>
Staff Recommendation	<p>Approve the support letter.</p>
Timeline	<p>CDS submissions to House District 5 are due on March 15. TriMet is requesting support letters no later than close-of-business on March 14 in order to include them with their submission materials.</p>



March **DRAFT**, 2023

Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer
U.S. House of Representatives
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer:

Clackamas County supports TriMet's request for federal funding to purchase two Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) and to add Transit Signal Priority (TSP) along the length of Line 33, running from Clackamas Town Center, through the Cities of Milwaukie and Oregon City, to Clackamas Community College.

Efficient transit is critical to Clackamas County's ability to serve the needs of its residents, to support a thriving economy, and to maintain a healthy environment. As we continue to see our population grow, transit system enhancements will help us meet carbon goals and increase transit reliability for the public.

TriMet has recently made a commitment to fully transition their diesel fleet to all zero-emission buses by 2040. We are encouraged by TriMet's decision to pilot this initiative with the purchase of two BEBs that will be deployed on Clackamas routes, bringing our citizens the clean-air benefits of zero-emission buses.

The addition of next-generation Transit Signal Priority systems to the entirety of Line 33 is a key step toward improving the speed and reliability of transit through the County. Line 33 runs along McLoughlin Blvd, one of our most critical arterial highways, and connects Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, the City of Milwaukie, and Clackamas Town Center. Improving the efficiency of transit along this route is necessary to improve mobility for Clackamas County residents.

Thank you for your support of this vital project and for your service to the residents and businesses of Clackamas County.

Sincerely,

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Tootie Smith, Chair
On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners