

January 29, 2019

Mr. Hal Gard Rail And Public Transit Administrator Oregon Department of Transportation 555 13th Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Gard:

The City of Sandy Transit Department, more commonly known as SAM, is working collaboratively with all of the Clackamas County public transit service providers (CAT, MHX, SCTD, SMART) to move forward in the search for a shared eFare option.

This project, as envisioned, would expand the opportunities of passengers to pay a fare on any transit system in Clackamas County using a mobile device. This improves access to services, especially in more rural areas of the County where passes can only be purchased at a few facilities or exact fare must be provided as drivers do not have change.

The proposed project supports the OPTP goals to address statewide transit network needs by expanding "uniform electronic passenger payment systems", identified as a priority for STIF Discretionary Program opportunities. It also addresses strategies identified in the local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, to pursue innovative partnerships and collaboration (see Section 5-33, Actions to Promote Coordination and Innovative Collaboration among Service Providers and Action 34. Consider expanding eFare participation within the Tri-County region).

SAM is committed to providing the shared match, which is \$2400 from each agency, contributing any necessary staff time to see the project through to completion and looks forward to analysis and recommendations to move Clackamas County Transit systems into a more unified, seamless network of services.

Sincerely,

Andi Howell 'Transit Director