



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Improved Transit Reliability at Rose Quarter in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet), located at 101 SW Main St., Suite 700, Portland, OR 97204. The funding would be used to fund construction of a replacement substation at the Rose Quarter Transit Center, which has powered the MAX light rail system since 1986, providing people a reliable way to reach workplaces, schools, entertainment, and other essential destinations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these projects will mean solutions that help make daily commutes and trips more reliable for all light rail riders. Transit reliability directly affects choices people make about driving; increased transit use improves air quality by reducing idling vehicles, and it enhances safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Dexter'.

Maxine Dexter, MD  
Member of Congress