



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING**  
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February 5, 2013

Bruce Warner, Board President, and  
TriMet Board Members  
TriMet  
4012 SE 17th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97202

RE: Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Project Scope in Clackamas County

Dear President Warner and Board Members:

As you are aware, last September the voters in Clackamas County overwhelmingly approved Measure 3-401, which now requires voter approval to authorize the use of county resources for public rail transit, including light rail. To comply with this voter approval process, we intend to seek voter authorization at the upcoming May election for items related to the use of resources of Clackamas County and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District on the section of the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail line under construction within Clackamas County.

Though we are not certain what the outcome of the vote will be, there is a potential that our voters may not support elements of the project necessary to advance the project all the way to Park Ave. Therefore we ask that you carefully consider any and all alternatives that terminate the project north of Park Ave., either in Milwaukie or at Tacoma Street. We respectfully recognize the aspirations of the City of Milwaukie and its contractual obligations. Additionally we believe it would be prudent to suspend construction operations in the southernmost segment, Clackamas County specifically, until the suggested assessment is completed.

Given the uncertainties of project funding, it might be useful to reconsider the potential to phase the project. This option was discussed in previous briefings with TriMet.

In addition, we are concerned that with funding uncertainty and value engineering, key elements of the project may be cut back. Many assurances have been conveyed to Clackamas County residents that the project would be built with all the amenities described. In good faith Clackamas County conveyed the agreed upon consideration with the full expectation that TriMet would honor the aforementioned amenities. If funding cuts are necessary, it seems logical to consider shortening the alignment rather than compromising the quality of the project.

In light of the conundrum before us all we hope that a solution can be brought forth that is mutually acceptable and ultimately honors the will of the voters of Clackamas County.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Ludlow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Ludlow".

John Ludlow, Chair

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County and  
the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

cc: City of Milwaukie