



February 28, 2017

House Committee on Transportation Policy
Representative Caddy McKeown, Chair
900 Court Street NE, Room 431
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 2745 – Transit Funding

Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and CVB's Board of Directors, I am writing to urge you to support HB 2745, which will give voters in Central Oregon a choice on whether they should fund a public transit system.

COIC has proven to be an effective and prudent custodian of public project and has shown sound fiduciary responsibility on projects they operate. HB 2745 will give the communities of Central Oregon local control -- each city can choose the appropriate level of service, funding amount, and tool for funding transit in their community. Some communities may choose to ask voters to support funding initiatives, and other communities may not be ready to do so at any time soon. What is important, is giving the communities of Central Oregon the option to seek transit funding from voters when they are ready.

Again, the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and CVB, encourages the House Transportation Committee to support the passage HB 2745 in this session. Thank you for giving local control of future transit initiatives into the hands of Central Oregon voters.

Sincerely,

Eric Sande

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Sande".

Executive Director
Redmond Chamber of Commerce & CVB