



November 2, 2007

Mayor Shane Bemis
City of Gresham
1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97303

Dear ~~Mayor Bemis~~ ^{Shane}:

I welcome your support of assisting with maintaining the safety and security of the MAX light rail line in your city as outlined in your November 2 letter. I very much welcome your offer to have Gresham police officers enforce the TriMet code and ride the system to augment our patrols and missions.

Assigning Gresham officers to patrol MAX in your city is no different, for example, than having Gresham officers patrolling State Hwy. 26 in your community – no city would leave that responsibility solely to the State Police. It's a shared asset, just as the MAX and bus system is in your city. We have worked with Gresham officers since 1986 and the beginning of MAX service to maintain the safety and security. As in other parts of our district, law enforcement officers supplement the security and presence TriMet provides on the transit system. The Beaverton Police Department, as well as others, regularly ride the system and enforce the TriMet code. They use MAX as a transportation option, as well as use it as an opportunity to help maintain the livability of their city.

I understand the challenges Gresham faces with poverty, unemployment and gang activity and that the city is looking toward a possible public safety ballot measure to expand your police force. TriMet remains a partner with you as you address these issues. Again, I welcome your efforts, and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred".

Fred Hansen
General Manager