

January 22, 2018

TRIMET Board of Directors
1800 SW 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97201

Subject: Support for Proposed North Central Bus Line "Y"

Board Members:

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA) would like to go on record supporting the proposed new central east-side north/south crosstown bus line. We express support for the new line without reservation. It is a vital link to all the central east-side neighborhoods that currently have very limited N/S service options.

The proposed route connects vibrant east-side main streets including Alberta, Freemont, Broadway, Burnside, Belmont, Hawthorn, Division, Powell, Bybee, and Tacoma. We expect that residents in our neighborhood along with those in adjacent NE/SE neighborhoods lying between 33rd Avenue and 12th Avenue will enthusiastically embrace this new opportunity to leave our cars at home and take the bus to other inner east side neighborhood destinations. Today, this is not an option. Driving to shopping and dining venues is often very frustrating and parking is next to impossible. Having a transit option to get east-side residents to jobs and services in the central east side offers a significant service enhancement to our neighborhood residents.

Please take whatever steps are necessary to secure operating resources to put this much needed transit corridor into service as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

David Brook, Chair

Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association