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Columbia River Gorge Commission
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Dear Gorge Commission:

The Hood River County Transportation District (dba Columbia Area Transit, CAT) is writing in support of the proposal by A. J. Zeleda and Wayne Stewart that the Columbia River Gorge Commission include a section in the revised Management Plan to address transportation by adding transportation to:

- Key Issues of the Draft Climate Change Action Plan framework and
- Strategy and Action Plan.

Specifically, we are asking that the strategy and action plan include language that the Columbia River Gorge Commission work with the Mid Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) to convene a Transit Visioning Session that would review, refine and work with stakeholders to adopt the MCEDD Draft Gorge Transit Vision and guiding principles document (e.g. as the Gorge Transit Strategy Project) in early Fall. We believe this document could be the first piece of a larger effort by stakeholders to develop a broader Multimodal Transportation and Congestion Mitigation Plan for the Gorge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Fink", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Patricia Fink
Executive Director