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Thank you, the homeless get a lot of hot meals for free. So many places downtown provide them. From 2000 to 2004 I lived in Rosenbaum Plaza. So, I know.

IF The city and county is going to make these 125 houseless lots. There needs to be all over not in one place. I do not feel safe in PDX and I do not spend my money there any more. I will go to OR City 1st or Troutdale.

The houseless still need food, Hot food, There are studies that show it helps with depression at least 1 hot meal a day. So if everyone has FREE BUS FARE they may be a little happier to go a little further out than downtown PDX.

There are other cities who have free fare, Why not PORTLAND?

Deborah Olson

On Wed, Oct 26, 2022 at 3:39 PM Wheeler, Mayor <[MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

October 26, 2022

Dear Deborah Olson,

Thank you so much for reaching out to Mayor Wheeler's office about this issue. My name is Kristopher Taylor and I provide Constituent Services for Mayor Wheeler's office. I will share your concerns with the Mayor and his policy staff.

Thanks again for taking the time to contact our office. Hope you have a lovely day.

Kindly,



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**Subject:** Houselessness 10.25.22 & FARES

City Council & Mayor Wheeler:

Since there are so many house-less people in PDX / PDX metro Area: AND the whole state of OR. Maybe the City of Portland and Mult Co and put a good chunk of Money to TRIMET: For Fareless transportation services. FOR TRIMET TO BECOME FARELESS.

IN PDX anyone can get a hot cooked meal for free from 7 am to 7 pm SEVEN days a week. Why would the houseless stray too far?

With Free Bus fare there can be more houseless Structured places farther out for houseless folk IF THEY CAN get to a place to eat for free.

Just a suggestion. FREE FARES For all Transit riders: I think that will help many of the houseless out and maybe more willing to live a little farther out in all in and around PDX

Deborah Olson / Gresham