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Date: 6 May 2021

The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Hovey Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, Oregon. 97301

Subject: Support for the Bonding Authorization of \$32 million for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass in SB 5534

To: Co-Chairs Holvey, Girod and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Bonding Authorization of \$32 million for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass in SB 5534.

The Ladd Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) has over 400 families as residents in both Clackamas & Yamhill Counties. We are a non-partisan, 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on safety, land use, environmental concerns, and other areas interacting with government jurisdictions and relevant agencies at all levels. We have been actively involved with the Yamhill County Parkway Committee (YCPA) and ODOT since 2003 re the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Phases 1, 1W, and now 2.

We have seen the Bypass go from an idea to address significant traffic congestion that began in our rural-region decades ago, to a reality today. With just four of the eleven miles built to date, we have gotten much closer to that goal. We must now keep the project moving forward to realize all the benefits it can bring.

The Bypass provides the critical link between McMinnville (and points beyond), and our community, allowing far better flow for tourism, goods to market, and economic development.

Although Phase 1 of the Bypass has brought some improvements, it has also resulted in new congestion points (both expected and unexpected) that will only get worse as growth in the region results in greater demand on this corridor. In particular, the Springbrook Rd junction to 99W, the Dundee exit, along with Wilsonville and McKay Roads have all been adversely impacted.

These issues can be resolved by completing the entire regional Bypass from Rex Hill to Dayton. As the Committee is acutely aware, the cost of completion keeps growing with time. It is our understanding that the Bypass is close to being eligible for major federal funding. The \$32 million can get the project shovel-ready for construction. We do not want to miss this funding opportunity to leverage the sizeable investments already made by the State and local communities, by applying this \$32 million as a State match to pursue an INFRA Grant to fund all of Phase 2.

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The Legislature must 'pave' the way for the most critical projects in this state. The Newberg-Dundee Bypass is most vital to communities stretching from the Metro area all the way to the Central Coast. We encourage the Sub-Committee on Capital Construction to make this project a priority and achieve the funding needed to make this Bypass a reality. Again, we appreciate your leadership, and this opportunity to register our support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eve Stevenson, Co-President LHNA

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