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The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

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

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

On behalf of SEDCOR, the Strategic Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to voice our strong support for the bonding authorization of \$32M for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Phase II.

SEDCOR focuses on supporting and growing traded sector businesses in the Mid-Willamette Valley Region of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. The key industries on which we focus, which include agriculture, food and beverage processing and wood products, depend on a safe, robust transportation infrastructure to bring raw materials and workforce to their facilities and move production out to their markets. We are thankful for the public investment in the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and believe it to have provided much improved mobility for freight and workforce.

Thanks to investments made by the Legislature and the Oregon Transportation Commission over the past two years, Phase II of the Bypass is now shovel ready. The \$32 million in state lottery bond funding will enable ODOT to move to construction on Phase II of the Bypass while providing a critical state match that can leverage federal dollars to complete construction.

SEDCOR strongly supports regional efforts to secure funding to help make Phase II of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass a reality.

Sincerely,

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