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The Honorable Lee Beyer, Chair and
Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee
900 Court St. NE
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Baker County has completed two JTA projects that were in House Bill 2001. Chico Road Reconstruction project was completed for \$621,083, which was \$378,917 under the engineer's estimate of one million dollars. Chandler Lane Reconstruction project was completed for \$2,427, 758, which was \$2,172,242 under the engineer's \$4.6 million estimate.

Baker County requests the Committee amend Senate Bill 258 to transfer \$2,551,159, the unexpended allocated funds from the Chico Road and Chandler Lane projects, to Baker County's two remaining previously approved JTA projects, specifically Resort Street and Best Frontage Road. The Amendment would then provide a total of \$7,051,159 for these two projects. This amount is the remainder of the \$10.1 million dollars originally allocated to Baker County in HB 2001 for these four JTA projects.

The amount of funding allocated for the completion of the Best Frontage Road Reconstruction project was insufficient since inception in the JTA H.B. 2001. Using the original engineer's estimates would allow for only a portion of the road to be reconstructed.

The proposed Amendment and transfer of JTA funds would allow for complete reconstruction of both Resort Street and Best Frontage Road. Both of these projects are critical in Baker County's efforts to improve a decaying transportation infrastructure, promote livability and economic growth.

Respectfully,



Ken Helgerson
Baker County Roadmaster