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**TO:** Representative Paul Holvey, Chair  
House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency

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**SUBJECT:** House Bill 3145

**INTRODUCTION:**

For the record, I am Vickie Hardin Woods, Community Development Director for the City of Salem. I oversee the management of the Building and Safety Division for the City.

On behalf of the City of Salem we thank you for the opportunity to address the proposed House Bill 3145.

I'm here first, to affirm the need for good coordination and expedited permitting process for capital construction projects. We believe that a predictable and efficient permitting process is essential to helping lower the cost of construction for not only state funded projects, but privately funded also.

The City of Salem has vast experience with large, complicated state projects. We provide predictable, coordinated and efficient service.

While we understand the need for the state to conserve costs and expedite construction projects, we are concerned as to the specific approach proposed. If this bill is passed there will be additional effort required to coordinate with local planning and public works departments which results in a less efficient process as well as increased costs for all involved.

**SUMMARY**

In summary, we have serious concerns concerning this bill and oppose HB 3145. We are here to offer our assistance to the Committee to help identify what solutions might better serve the public interest.

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