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Joint Committee On Transportation Preservation and Modernization

Co-Chair Lee Beyer, Co-Chair Caddy McKeown, Vice Co-Chair Brian Boquist, Vice Co-Chair Cliff Bentz and members of the committee:

Recology, Inc. urges the legislature to pass a transportation funding package that includes support for the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. The realization of this infrastructure project is critically important to the citizens and businesses within the Willamette Valley, as well as Oregonians travelling between the coast and valley.

Recology, Inc. is an employee-owned waste management company devoted to diverting waste from landfills. Recology has more than forty-five operating companies that serve more than 725,000 residential and 110,000 commercial customers in Oregon, California and Washington. In Oregon, Recology provides hauling services and operates recycling and compost sites around the state and regularly sends commodities destined for recycling markets through the bypass area.

We are pleased that the State is nearing completion of Phase 1 of the project. However, in order to realize the full benefit of the initial \$250 million Phase 1 investment, the entire project from Rex Hill to Dayton must be completed. A finished Newberg-Dundee Bypass would allow our trucks to move through and around the area quickly, reducing idling time, limiting greenhouse gas emission and increasing productivity.

As you and others in the Legislature deliberate on funding transportation infrastructure around the State, please prioritize the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. By adding to Oregon and the Federal government's investment, this congested area can transform to the advantage of freight movement, seismic resiliency, the environment, livable communities, tourism growth and economic development.

Thank you for your consideration,

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