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June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Senator Beyer, Representative McKeown  
Joint Committee On Transportation Preservation and Modernization  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 State St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Beyer, Representative McKeown, and the members of the Joint Committee On Transportation Preservation and Modernization,

After months of work on a transportation package this legislative session, we want to start by extending our gratitude for your tireless dedication to Oregon's transportation needs. We are closer now than ever to a transformational plan for our entire state's infrastructure thanks to your efforts.

While the transportation package has many strengths, we urge you to consider increasing the investment in Outer Powell Blvd. The Outer Powell corridor, starting at SE 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. and extending to SE 174<sup>th</sup> Ave., consistently ranks as one of the most dangerous roads in Oregon. There are six sites within this stretch of road that rank in the top 10 percent of ODOT Safety Priority Index System locations. From 2009-13, crashes along the road were 37% higher than similar ODOT roads.

These stats have a tangible impact on Oregonians every day. Outer Powell lacks some of the most basic amenities possible, with sidewalks few and far between, sporadic street lighting, and a lack of proper public transit stations. Families walking to the corner store, to church, to school, have no barrier whatsoever from cars travelling 35 mph or more. The lack of a left turn lane compounds the problem, forcing cars to dart into the bike lane, which also serves as the only pedestrian walkway, to avoid major traffic snarls. The residents of East Portland have little choice but to accept this danger as part of their daily lives and commute. We can't turn a blind eye to an already underserved, too often ignored segment of the City of Portland. We need to do better.

Outer Powell has been neglected for decades. As the City of Portland has grown up around it, development and improvements along the corridor have been stagnant until very recently. It



remains under the jurisdiction of ODOT despite being a main transportation artery for the city because its condition is too poor to consider a jurisdictional transfer. There was, however, a major success in the 2015 legislative session, with an East Portland delegation of legislators and numerous community and elected partners banding together to secure \$17 million from the state and \$3 million from the City of Portland to renovate SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to SE 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. Now is our chance to finish the job.

The project is broken down into four segments, with SE 122<sup>nd</sup> – SE 136<sup>th</sup> already funded.

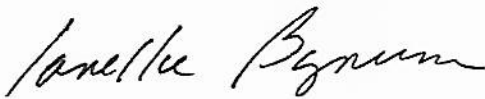
- ❖ Segment 1 – SE 99<sup>th</sup> – SE 116<sup>th</sup> | \$37 million
- ❖ Segment 2 – SE 116<sup>th</sup> – SE 122<sup>nd</sup> | \$10 million
- ❖ Segment 3 – SE 136<sup>th</sup> – SE 162<sup>nd</sup> | \$42 million
- ❖ Segment 4 – SE 162<sup>nd</sup> – SE 174<sup>th</sup> | \$22 million

Should a transportation package pass the Oregon Legislature, we formally request full funding of the Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project, totaling \$111 million.

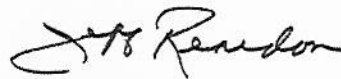
If a full transportation package does not pass in 2017, or if the package is significantly reduced in scope, we ask for funding to segment 3 of the project, followed by segment 4, totaling \$42 million and \$22 million respectively.

It is our hope that we can finally put the issue of Outer Powell to rest and significantly improve this important corridor for our region. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Representative for House District 51  
Oregon House of Representatives



Jeff Reardon  
Representative for House District 48  
Oregon House of Representatives



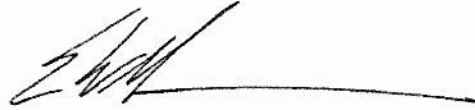
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Enclosures (4)

cc: President Courtney  
Speaker Kotek  
Representative Williamson



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
 TRANSPORTATION DATA SECTION - CRASH ANALYSIS AND REPORTING UNIT  
 CRASH SUMMARIES BY YEAR BY COLLISION TYPE

Outer Powell Blvd project area, US 26 Mt Hood Hwy 26, from SE 99th Ave (MP 6.03) to SE 174th Ave (MP 9.87), City of Portland  
 2011 - 2015

COLLISION TYPE	FATAL CRASHES	NON-FATAL CRASHES	PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	TOTAL CRASHES	PEOPLE KILLED	PEOPLE INJURED	TRUCKS	DRY SURF	WET SURF	DAY	DARK	INTER-SECTION	INTER-SECTION RELATED	OFF-ROAD
<b>YEAR 2015</b>														
ANGLE	1	64	22	67	1	89	5	65	21	54	32	62	1	0
BACKING	0	2	5	7	0	2	2	7	0	7	0	3	0	0
FIXED / OTHER OBJECT	4	110	97	211	4	142	4	135	72	102	108	17	1	201
HEAD-ON	4	8	1	13	6	15	2	8	4	7	6	2	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	0	15	43	58	0	15	3	51	4	21	37	1	1	3
NON-COLLISION	2	14	5	21	2	19	5	12	8	11	10	4	0	11
PARKING MOVEMENTS	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	4	1	1	0	0
PEDESTRIAN	10	33	0	43	10	35	3	28	13	16	27	20	0	3
REAR-END	2	649	424	1,075	2	999	20	808	236	826	245	323	90	2
SIDESWIPE - MEETING	1	9	7	17	1	20	3	10	7	8	9	2	1	0
SIDESWIPE - OVERTAKING	0	39	103	142	0	55	12	101	37	104	38	14	11	3
TURNING MOVEMENTS	2	267	215	484	2	399	23	358	112	355	127	324	0	4
<b>2015 TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>YEAR 2014</b>														
ANGLE	0	55	28	83	0	85	1	67	14	62	20	81	0	0
BACKING	0	2	4	6	0	3	0	6	0	4	2	3	0	1
FIXED / OTHER OBJECT	5	114	104	223	5	139	9	138	81	125	98	31	2	217
HEAD-ON	3	11	5	19	3	29	1	11	7	14	5	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	8	38	46	0	9	2	37	8	18	28	1	0	2
NON-COLLISION	3	12	8	23	3	19	1	16	7	14	9	2	1	16
PARKING MOVEMENTS	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	1
PEDESTRIAN	5	34	0	39	5	39	0	23	16	13	26	27	0	3
REAR-END	1	586	446	1,033	1	904	20	754	252	808	224	410	152	4
SIDESWIPE - MEETING	0	10	6	16	0	15	3	4	12	9	7	1	0	1
SIDESWIPE - OVERTAKING	0	36	73	109	0	55	10	82	25	85	24	13	5	1
TURNING MOVEMENTS	1	244	218	463	1	381	14	349	108	333	127	309	1	5
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>YEAR 2013</b>														
ANGLE	0	44	33	77	0	65	2	61	13	57	20	68	0	2
BACKING	0	6	4	10	0	7	1	7	2	9	1	4	0	1
FIXED / OTHER OBJECT	4	119	125	248	4	137	10	150	95	128	120	36	3	229
HEAD-ON	2	9	2	13	2	21	1	7	6	6	7	2	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	6	20	26	0	7	1	23	2	11	15	2	0	0
NON-COLLISION	1	12	9	22	1	13	2	13	6	15	7	2	0	14
PARKING MOVEMENTS	0	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	3
PEDESTRIAN	3	36	0	39	3	39	0	29	9	21	18	20	0	0
REAR-END	0	512	417	929	0	795	18	725	171	731	193	335	108	5
SIDESWIPE - MEETING	1	9	8	18	1	19	4	11	6	14	4	1	0	2
SIDESWIPE - OVERTAKING	0	37	68	105	0	54	8	87	17	78	27	12	5	1
TURNING MOVEMENTS	1	176	193	370	1	248	18	290	69	272	97	237	2	2
<b>2013 TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>259</b>

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<b>YEAR 2012</b>														
ANGLE	2	44	35	81	3	70	3	55	23	45	36	77	0	0
BACKING	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	4	1	4	1	1	0	0
FIXED / OTHER OBJECT	5	114	106	225	5	140	10	114	106	118	106	29	4	222
HEAD-ON	7	10	0	17	8	37	1	8	9	15	2	2	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	10	25	35	0	10	1	27	6	16	19	2	0	0
NON-COLLISION	0	22	10	32	0	25	3	15	16	23	9	3	0	21
PARKING MOVEMENTS	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
PEDESTRIAN	3	36	0	39	3	37	0	23	16	11	28	23	0	1
REAR-END	0	596	379	975	0	910	24	868	278	777	195	272	124	6
SIDESWIPE - MEETING	0	9	11	20	0	16	1	7	11	11	9	1	0	1
SIDESWIPE - OVERTAKING	0	49	69	118	0	77	5	75	42	85	33	13	6	3
TURNING MOVEMENTS	1	229	212	442	1	375	19	291	142	319	122	273	1	6
<b>2012 TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>YEAR 2011</b>														
ANGLE	2	45	27	74	2	86	2	50	19	47	27	64	0	3
BACKING	0	3	6	9	0	4	2	8	1	7	2	2	0	2
FIXED / OTHER OBJECT	1	98	108	207	1	138	5	94	108	104	103	27	0	203
HEAD-ON	2	15	2	19	3	40	3	13	6	12	7	5	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	11	25	36	0	12	2	29	4	10	26	1	0	0
NON-COLLISION	0	15	7	22	0	18	1	13	9	12	10	0	0	16
PARKING MOVEMENTS	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
PEDESTRIAN	2	37	0	39	2	39	0	24	15	18	21	25	0	2
REAR-END	1	567	423	991	1	888	17	720	239	772	218	289	191	6
SIDESWIPE - MEETING	0	7	4	12	1	9	4	9	3	7	5	2	0	0
SIDESWIPE - OVERTAKING	0	28	66	94	0	38	8	71	19	77	16	11	8	6
TURNING MOVEMENTS	2	210	201	413	2	336	8	297	112	287	125	241	4	8
<b>2011 TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>4,462</b>	<b>9,965</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>8,196</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>7,128</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1,245</b>

Disclaimer: A higher number of crashes may be reported as of 2011 compared to prior years. This does not reflect an increase in annual crashes. The higher numbers result from a change to an internal departmental process that allows the Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit to add previously unavailable, non-fatal crash reports to the annual data file. Please be aware of this change when comparing pre-2011 crash statistics.

# Outer Powell (US 26 Mt. Hood Highway) Current Cost Estimate for Construction

