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To: Joint Ways and Means Committee

Dear Committee Members,

The Yamhill County Parkway Committee, dedicated to the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass (the Bypass), would like to register its strong support for the allocation of state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the completion of the Bypass.

Large projects of regional and statewide significance, such as the Bypass, that have been partially constructed, can only be completed with additional state investments from opportunities such as ARPA funds. And make no mistake, completion of the Bypass is a very significant investment in a safety, mobility, equity and environmental project. We have included a list of entities that support the completion of the Bypass, to demonstrate the regional impact that completion of the Bypass will have.

Congestion reduction is key for the growing communities in our region, extending all the way to the Central Oregon coast, which are going to continue to grow well into the future. It is essential that we plan for this growth and resulting congestion. In areas of the state without urban modal options, such as the region that will be served by the completed Bypass, we still rely heavily on vehicular travel to move people, goods and provide family wage jobs for the large population of ethnically underserved members of our region.

We appreciate our tremendous partnership with ODOT in funding, building and opening

Phase 1 of the Bypass, and we look forward to continuing this partnership as we move toward completion of the Bypass. At this point, Phase 2 of the Bypass is shovel ready and poised to go to construction and create jobs to help with Oregon's economic recovery. A large regional project of statewide significance, however, can only be constructed if a meaningful amount of funding is provided to assure the project moves toward completion. In the spirit of state and regional partnership, we ask that significant ARPA funds be allocated to this important regional project.

Respectful Requested,



Dave Haugeberg, Chair
Yamhill County Parkway Committee

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| City of McMinnville | McMinnville Area Leadership Council |
| City of Sheridan | Lincoln City Chamber |
| City of Donald | Ladd Hill Neighborhood Association |
| City of Newport | McMinnville Water and Light |
| City of Lincoln City | Cascade Steel |
| City of Dundee | A-dec |
| City of Newberg | Austin Industries |
| City of Willamina | Allison Inn and Spa |
| Yamhill County | Waste Management |
| Marion County | Recology |
| Lincoln County | DCI |
| Tillamook County | Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue |
| Polk County | St. Paul Fire Protection District |
| Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde | Newberg Downtown Wineries |
| Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation | Dundee Hills Winegrowers Assn. |
| Oregon Business and Industry | Dobbles Family Estates and Dundee Vintners |
| Visit McMinnville | 12 th & Maple Wine Company |
| McMinnville Economic Development Partnership | Sokol Blosser Winery |
| McMinnville Industrial Promotions | Yamhill-Carlton AVA |
| Visit Yamhill County | Willamette Valley Vineyards |
| Newberg Downtown Coalition | Delphian School |
| Chehalem Valley Chamber | Linfield University |
| McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce | Dundee Tourism Committee |
| Visit Newberg | |