



WASTE MANAGEMENT

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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for Bonding authority of \$32 million for Newberg-Dundee Bypass in SB 5534

Co-Chairs Girod, Holvey and Members of the Committee,

Waste Management has been a champion for the McMinnville Chamber and the Chehalem Valley Chamber for decades because we support healthy communities where businesses can thrive and our customers can live enjoy the many attributes that make Oregon a great place to live. I am reaching out as a chamber member and a member of the business community to ask for your support for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Phase 2 construction.

Specifically, we support the inclusion of \$32 million in bonding authority for construction of the bypass contained in SB 5534. Phase 2 of the bypass is now shovel ready. The \$32 million in state lottery bond funding will enable ODOT to move to construction of Phase 2 while providing a critical state match that can leverage federal dollars.

For Waste Management employees and customers across Yamhill County, the bypass would improve community livability in significant and long-lasting ways, making Newberg and Dundee downtowns safer for pedestrians and local travelers. For Waste Management operations based in Newberg, the Dundee-Newberg bypass is needed to ease traffic congestion that now slows recycling and garbage collections. The congestion regularly results in lost time, higher costs, wasted fuel, and ongoing safety concerns. The bypass would help us address these problems.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

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