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May 7, 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

RE: Support for the Bonding Authorization of \$32 million for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass in SB 5534.

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

I have been a supporter of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass in a number of roles.

As a community member, as Newberg Mayor, as a board member of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, and as the Executive Director of Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity. As such, I have understood and appreciated the many benefits of the bypass.

- A completed bypass will bring our region very significant environmental greenhouse benefits by way of reduced carbon fuel consumption and carbon emissions.
- The bypass, in conjunction with the to-be-redeveloped Newberg Riverfront, provides a framework to attract traded sector jobs to our region.
- Family wage jobs in rural areas are essential to equity.
- Safe, efficient, carbon reducing transit is vital to communities from I-5 to the coast.

Please do everything you can to support Governor Brown's request of \$32 million for Phase 2 of the bypass.

Thank you for all of your efforts to make Oregon a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Rogers", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rick Rogers
Executive Director