

May 6, 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 Capital
Salem, OR 97301



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

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

Thanks to investments made by the Legislature and the Oregon Transportation Commission over the past two years, Phase 2 of the Bypass is now shovel ready. This \$32 million in state lottery bond funding will enable ODOT to move to construction on Phase II of the bypass while providing a critical state match that can leverage federal dollars to complete construction.

The Dundee Tourism Committee represents both Dundee residents and tourism orientated business owners/operators. Since Dundee's core economic base is tourism, the Dundee Tourism Committee is the de facto chamber of commerce for Dundee. Members of the committee represent lodging entities, restaurants and wineries.

This roadway provides the critical link between Dundee and its many visitors to our wineries, restaurants and lodging establishments. Even with a partially completed project, we have seen an improvement in Dundee. In particular, far fewer large trucks passing through our main street. Also, the Bypass has allowed ODOT to completely rebuild the road base and repave 99W through Dundee in 2021 with far less disruption in traffic flow than would have occurred without the Bypass.

The requested \$32 million will move Phase II of the Bypass to shovel-ready for construction and will place us one step closer to completing the full Bypass. We do not want to miss federal funding opportunities and want to leverage the already sizeable investments made by the State and local communities. Our desire it to find the funds necessary to finish the project. The Newberg-Dundee Bypass is absolutely vital to communities stretching from the Metro area all the way to the Central Coast. We encourage you to make this project a priority and work with our region to identify the funding needed to make this full Bypass solution a reality. We appreciate your leadership, and this opportunity to register our support.

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Ted Crawford, Chairman
Dundee Tourism Committee