



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 Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

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

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

We are writing to express our strong support for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and urge you to explore ways to accelerate full completion of this vital project which is key to continued growth.

The Dundee Hills Winegrowers Association represents over 65 business members comprised of wineries, vineyards, lodging entities and restaurants that focus on promotion of the Dundee Hills. Our organization was formed in 2005 with a mission to represent the mutual interest of its members, communicate with the general public on behalf of, and support continued growth within the AVA. The association strives to take actions that enhance the Dundee Hills AVA reputation, promotes the region as a premier traveler's destination for wine and wine-related experiences, and preserves the integrity and reputation of the AVA for generations to come.

The Bypass moved from an idea that percolated in the community several years ago, to a reality today. With 4 of the 11 miles built, and the differences it has already made in downtown Dundee, we strongly support the efforts to finalize this entire project. This roadway provides the critical link between Dundee and its many visitors to our member businesses. Even with a partially completed project, we have seen an improvement in less congestion within Dundee and far fewer large trucks passing through our main street.

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. We do not want to miss this federal funding opportunity to leverage the sizeable investments made by the State and local communities and obtain the funds necessary to finish the project. The Legislature and Governor have entrusted you with leading the way forward for the most critical projects in this state. 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 finish the full Bypass. We appreciate your leadership, and this opportunity to register our support.

Signed,

Cathy Martin

Vice President
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Signed,

Denise Flora

President
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