



# CITY OF NORTH PLAINS

31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133

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September 25, 2024

Joint Legislative Transportation Committee  
Statewide Tour  
Shirley Huffman Auditorium-Hillsboro Civic Center  
Hillsboro, OR

Dear Legislators,

It is with great anticipation of the collective work product and potential positive outcomes that have been generated by the recent Statewide Tour of the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee that I write you on behalf of the City of North Plains and western Washington County.

At 12 minutes from Intel's Gordon Moore Park at Ronler Acres in Hillsboro, the City of North Plains is increasingly an integral part of the Silicon Forest supply and labor shed. Connected to the heart of the Silicon Forest by both Highway 26 and Jackson School Road, North Plains has had growth of 5% or more annually since 2018 due largely to Intel workforce housing production here. And we have already fruitfully planned to grow our economy as a semiconductor supply chain business location.

Not only has the Governor and Legislature granted the City of North Plains as Oregon's only Semiconductor City incentive designation, but as reported by the Oregonian, we are the location of choice for a large facility under construction for ASML, the Dutch technology company that is "mission critical" to Intel's development of ultraviolet lithography production technique for its newest cutting edge production plans.

In preparing for additional job and infrastructure investment in the Silicon Forest, we also need to further evaluate and support Highway 26 and companion interchange improvements and capacity building. New products need to be moved to market from their point of manufacture and origin. This business growth will lead to the need to improve road capacity to support moving people to and from their employment opportunities.

Thank you for creating the opportunity to hear from local communities to improve our employment opportunities and overall quality of life in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Rob Drake  
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