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Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice Co-Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on the 2025 transportation funding package. We are neighborhood advocates seeking funding to improve the transportation system for the Raleigh Hills/SW Portland area around the former Alpenrose Dairy. The large new "Raleigh Crest" subdivision of 263 homes, proposed for the now vacated Alpenrose Dairy site, is currently under review by the City of Portland. The site is on the western edge of Portland, adjacent to the City of Beaverton and Washington County and close to the Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy (OR-10) intersection with SW Oleson and Scholls-Ferry Roads. We believe the construction of this new development will generate significant new traffic in the southwest area, generating more need to provide safe active transportation routes such as sidewalks and bikeable shoulders throughout the area. Some of these routes would connect to regional active transportation routes, such as the Fanno Creek Trail system in Washington County, and to the neighborhood parkways in the City of Portland.

Many projects that will connect to the regional active transportation network are already on Metro/ODOT Region 1/City of Portland transportation improvement lists. See attached Exhibits B-E. In addition, a major project, improvements to the Beaverton Hillsdale Highway/Scholls Ferry Road/Oleson Road intersection, has been on local lists of projects for more than 20 years. The project to address auto, transit, bike and pedestrian traffic concerns at this intersection has been studied numerous times but no clear proposal has yet been chosen for implementation.

At a June 24 Community Conversation, co-hosted with Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang and our State Representative Dacia Grayber, we received many comments about priorities to address associated with the large new development. Exhibit A shows the concerns expressed by meeting attendees. We see this new development as an opportunity to bring climate-friendly and equitable transportation solutions to the community, including:

- Pedestrian and biking improvements for the full length of SW Shattuck and Vermont Roads to provide active transportation access to public transit, services and shopping
- Completion of the Red Electric Regional Trail to connect the Fanno Creek Trail to the Willamette Greenway.
- Redesign of the Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy/Oleson Rd/Scholls-Ferry Rd intersection for greater safety and multimodal efficiency

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- Implementation of dedicated Safe Routes to Schools for the expected hundreds of new schoolchildren who will live in the development.

We will also apply for a Metro 2040 planning grant to more completely address the overall transportation needs in the area that will be impacted by the new Raleigh Crest development.

We have been reaching out to all levels of elected officials for this interesting area that is at the intersection of the City of Beaverton, Washington County, the City of Portland and Metro. We hope our information will help the State Joint Committee on Transportation understand the need for action to address these issues before congestion and safety become “hot buttons” for our area.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss any of the information in this letter. We hope we can count on your support in the upcoming legislative session.

Thank you,

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Attachments: Exhibits A-E

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