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Representative McLain, Co-Chair  
Senator Boquist, Co-Vice Chair  
Representative Boshart Davis, Co-Vice Chair  
Joint Transportation Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support of House Bill (HB) 3113**

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

The Central Lane MPO (CLMPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Eugene/Springfield/Coburg metropolitan area, Oregon's second largest metropolitan area. The CLMPO has long advocated for increased investment in active transportation and transit; a safe transportation system for all Oregonians; and lowering transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. We regularly invest in improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities in our region, but never have enough funding to meet all the needs.

The CLMPO Policy Board unanimously supports HB 3113 and calls for an increase in funding for the Great Streets program. ODOT's Great Streets program provides essential investments for Oregon and supports improvements in active and alternative modes of transportation, safety, and public health benefits. Furthermore, the Program helps address climate change and promotes equity for all users of our transportation system. The program has the potential to make significant improvements to several state highway corridors in our MPO.

The CLMPO also supports making Great Streets funding available not just for state highways under ODOT's jurisdiction but also for local streets that serve as community main streets. This is of particular importance in locations where former ODOT-owned highways have been transferred to local jurisdiction but remain part of the state highway system. In recent years there are several instances in our metropolitan area where roadways previously under ODOT's jurisdiction have been transferred to local jurisdiction, but remain state highways, and are in need of significant safety and other improvements.

Thank you for your support of HB 3113.

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