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State of Oregon  
Ways and Means Committee on Capital Construction  
HB 5030

Legislators,

The city of McMinnville has big city challenges without access to big city resources. We are too small to be eligible for many federal programs and too small to be considered rural. That leaves us stuck in no-man's land when it comes to public funding assistance.

We need your support. Our proposed "Third Street Improvement Project" will address a deteriorated downtown infrastructure desperately in need of excavation and replacement. Accessibility and safety issues have elevated this project as a top need for our community. The city has already set aside \$2.9 million dollars of urban renewal funds and \$600,000 of ARPA funds illustrating their serious commitment toward making this a reality. We still need \$8 million and are seeking a \$4 million direct allocation. We will seek Federal Congressionally Directed Spending for the remaining balance.

Attached is our project flyer that further explains the project and its need. If you need additional information or have questions please reach out to Community Development Director Heather Richards ([heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov) C: 971-287-8322) or Project Manager Jody Christensen ([jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov) C: 971-387-1800).

This project has been discussed and planned for the past two decades. It is time that it finally become a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Rucklos'.

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