



April 5th, 2023

TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction  
FROM: Brittany Quick-Warner, President & CEO of Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce  
RE: Support City of Eugene Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project

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Functional infrastructure is a pillar of economic success. As a representative of the Eugene business community, the **Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Eugene's request for state funds for the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project.**

For years, the lack of large employment sites has hindered the ability of local firms to expand and has left Eugene with no chance to attract many firms to the region. This project will help us overcome that barrier by making important public investments to improve industrial land readiness in Eugene, while meeting Oregon's need for large, developable, industrially zoned sites.

The Eugene Chamber has long supported the development of land near the Eugene Airport for light industrial uses. In 2017, the city expanded its Urban Growth Boundary to include the Clear Lake Road area to meet the city's future employment needs. This area includes several large sites that have the potential to add up to 6,000 new jobs.

We expect the sites to attract manufacturing and other firms that would improve the region's low average wages (82% of the state average).

Currently, most of the area is not shovel ready. The first phase of the Clear Lake Road Industrial Infrastructure Project will construct a wastewater collection system for the area's northern section and a pump station to serve the entire area.

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce **enthusiastically supports the City of Eugene's request of approximately \$8.5 million from the 2023 Lottery Bond-Economic Development** allocation for the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project.

The investment would pay for itself many times over through the creation of jobs and tax revenue with far-reaching benefits for Eugene, the region, and the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Quick-Warner".

Brittany Quick-Warner  
President & CEO, Eugene Chamber of Commerce