

# INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (ICCO)

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction  
Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair; Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: City of Eugene Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project**

Senator Girod and Representative Holvey;

On behalf of the Industrial Corridor Community Organization (ICCO), we would like to express our support for the City of Eugene's request for state funds for the adjacent Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project.

ICCO is a City-chartered neighborhood organization representing property owners, businesses and residents in the north incorporated and unincorporated Eugene areas. Adjacent to the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area, the ICCO neighborhood boasts some of the most active and vibrant industrial lands in Lane County, with owners and businesses who have operated, expanded, innovated, and invested in the region for decades.

The lack of shovel-ready large employment sites in the Eugene region continues to contribute to the range of difficulties experienced by existing companies attempting to expand. Additionally, this deficit in sites region-wide contributes to the difficulties experienced in attracting new industrial and traded-sector employers. ICCO sees the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area infrastructure investment by the City as a valuable step in beginning to remove some of the barriers to development experienced by existing and prospective industrial employers. By making important public investments to improve industrial land readiness in Eugene, the City will be improving the offerings of truly shovel ready, feasible, expansion sites.

ICCO members have long supported the economic vitality of the Eugene and Lane County community, with substantial investments in the sites owned and managed by our members, many of which include land near the Eugene Airport and Clear Lake Road Area. Similarly, ICCO supports the efforts of the City of Eugene to invest in key expansion projects and community policies and planning efforts which support vibrant industrial development and employment opportunities. In 2017, the City expanded its Urban Growth Boundary to include the Clear Lake Road area to meet these future employment visions and needs. But the opportunities on this land will not be realized without substantial backbone infrastructure investments and development friendly land-use policies.

The Industrial Corridor Community Organization 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. We believe this investment is a key element in facilitating the City of Eugene's ability to competitively pursue opportunities to grow the local, regional, and state economy.

Sincerely,



Rod Kempf, President  
Industrial Corridor Community Organization