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Co-Chairs Wagner, Fahey and members of the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Funding:

I am writing on behalf of the Yamhill County Parkway Committee, a public-private partnership of businesses and governments that includes the cities of Newberg, Dundee, McMinnville and Yamhill County and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We advocate for the advancement of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, an anchor transportation project with great statewide and regional significance.

Like many transportation stakeholders, we share in the disappointment that the legislature was not able to successfully pass a comprehensive transportation funding package in the 2025 session. Certainly, the consequences of inaction will be painful, with mass layoffs, service reductions and canceled or unfinished projects. With so much at stake, we support the urgency of the Governor and Legislature in reconvening to address the very serious unfunded and unmet transportation needs of this state.

The proposal before you in LC 2 amounts to a transportation relief package that will provide a temporary budgetary fix for state and local agencies without addressing the broader, longer-term need for infrastructure investments and sustainable funding for transportation. The citizens of this state who will be ultimately shouldering the tax burden deserve a complete solution, not a temporary fix.

Over the last year, we have appreciated the comprehensive approach taken by our legislative transportation leaders and their commitment to building sustainable long-term funding for infrastructure that completes anchor projects like the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. Delaying completion of these projects will only result in annual cost escalation and major safety issues that continue to put the residents and travelers through our region at risk.

We urge the legislature to expedite a comprehensive, bipartisan transportation package that provides stable funding for statewide transportation needs and honors commitments made by the legislature to finish legacy projects like the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Haugeberg, Chair  
Yamhill County Parkway Committee