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Oregon Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee

Oregon State Legislature

900 Court Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee,

On behalf of the City of Vale, I respectfully submit this letter in support of three Capital Construction funding requests essential to the health, safety, and infrastructure of our community. These projects reflect critical needs in our water system, community recreation facilities, and transportation network.

1. Water System Improvements – One Million Gallon Reservoir and Booster Pump

Vale is seeking state support for the construction of a new one million gallon water reservoir and an associated booster pump station. Our existing system lacks sufficient storage to maintain citywide pressure during peak usage and emergencies. This project will significantly enhance water pressure, improve redundancy, and provide critical fire suppression capacity across our service area. It is an essential investment to ensure the reliability and resilience of Vale's drinking water system.

2. Vale Municipal Pool – Mechanical Room Improvements

Constructed in 1969, the mechanical room of Vale's geothermal-heated municipal swimming pool is in urgent need of remodeling. As the only public pool operating in Malheur County, it serves thousands of youth and families each summer, providing vital recreational and wellness benefits. Modernizing the mechanical systems will improve efficiency, safety, and extend the facility's life for future generations.

3. F Street Paving Project – School Bus Corridor Improvements

The City also requests matching funds to support the paving of F Street, a heavily used transportation corridor that serves as the primary bus route connecting Vale Elementary with Vale Middle and High Schools. This improvement is essential for student safety, transportation reliability, and long-term road durability.

We appreciate the Legislature's continued support for rural Oregon and respectfully urge your consideration of these high-impact, community-focused investments. Each project is shovel-ready and represents a meaningful step toward building a more resilient and livable future for the residents of Vale and greater Malheur County.

Sincerely,
Todd Fuller
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City of Vale