



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Congressman Peter DeFazio  
405 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Eugene, OR 97401

Congressman Kurt Schrader  
530 Center Street, N.E. Ste. 415  
Salem, OR 97301

Senator Jeff Merkley  
500 Liberty Street SE, Suite 320  
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: OR 22 (W) Expressway Management Plan, Polk County, Oregon

Re: Highway 22 & Highway 51 Interchange Project.

Dear Congressmen and Senator,

On behalf of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, we would like to express our support for the Oregon Highway 22 & Highway 51 Interchange Project which has been in the making for 23 years. The Expressway Management Plan was created in 2003 to assess traffic and safety problems of the intersection for the purpose of project development. Although the intersection has been at capacity and has one of the highest fatality ratings in the state of Oregon, it was passed over for the Highway 22 & 99W interchange project. The OR 22/51 intersection has been in the top 5% on the Safety Priority Index System (SPIS) report rating for years. The expressway plan has been funded at \$8.2 million dollars and as it nears its completion, Polk County is seeking an additional \$73 million for its completion.

Yamhill County supports the successful completion of the Oregon Highway 22 & Highway 51 Interchange Project without reservation. The pending improvements will positively affect the entire transportation system of Polk County.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett  
Chair

Lindsay Berschauer  
Vice-Chair

Casey Kulla  
Commissioner

cc: Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Commissioner  
Jody Christensen, Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Coordinator

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