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Representative Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bonamici,

It is with unanimous support that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners endorses completion of the Newberg-Dundee bypass and your efforts to seek approval of congressional funding for critical next stages of the project as part of the FAST Act reauthorization bill.

We understand that the Oregon Department of Transportation has requested \$8 million for key components of a badly needed interchange at Highway 219 in Newberg, and we request your support for it. We are also supporting Governor Brown and Representative Noble's requests for funding from the State Legislature.

Completion of the bypass is needed, not only for job creation but for the livability of our small historic communities of Newberg, Dundee, Dayton and McMinnville. The project has enormous benefits which would span from the coastal counties, through the valley and connecting to Portland. It would provide manufacturers with reliable transportation saving hours of delay, and communities with improved safety by reducing the toxic fumes that result from daily miles-long traffic backups. It would also serve as a tsunami evacuation route spanning from the coastal areas to Portland and provide emergency responders access to key valley emergency response locations as part of Oregon's emergency preparedness plan.

We thank you and hope your effort to find new federal funding for the bypass will be successful.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett
Chair

Lindsay Berschauer
Vice-Chair

Casey Kulla
Commissioner

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