



June 25, 2012

Transportation and Growth Management Program
ATTN: Grant Review Committee
ODOT Mill Creek Building
555 13th Street NE, Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for the NW Eugene-Lane Community College Transit Corridor TGM Grant

Dear Transportation and Growth Management Grant Review Committee:

The River Road Community Organization Board of Directors is pleased that the EmX corridor to serve our neighborhood is finally moving from abstraction to reality. We have lobbied Representative Peter DeFazio's office for at least 4 years to obtain funding for EmX on River Road. At every neighborhood meeting and event where EmX bus rapid transit was mentioned, our neighbors applauded and nodded their heads enthusiastically with their support.

We are pleased to see the City of Eugene submit the application for the NW Eugene-Lane Community College Transit Corridor Transportation and Growth Management Grant. We appreciate the coordinated land use and transportation planning, enhanced public involvement, and consideration of bicycle and pedestrian improvements the TGM grant will allow.

Frequent, reliable transit would be a valuable asset to our neighbors. We welcome this opportunity to explore options for enhancing our corridor with EmX bus rapid transit service and making pedestrian crossings more safe and attractive. As we participate in the Envision Eugene planning process with transportation projects integrated, we look forward to fine-tuning the vision for River Road as it connects with Highway 99, downtown Eugene, and Lane Community College.

Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Sincerely,

River Road Community Organization Board

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