



May 14, 2015

Honorable Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Honorable Tobias Read, Co-Chair
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Or 97301

RE: House Bill 5030 issuance of lottery bonds for transportation projects funded from the Multimodal Transportation Fund in 2015-2017

Dear Co-Chair Girod and Co-Chair Read and Members of the Capital Development and Construction Subcommittee:

I am writing you today in support of **HB 5030** which gives crucial funding to **Connect Oregon**. The City of Beaverton supports this bill because smaller cities, like Beaverton, lack the resources to fund multimodal projects.

In Beaverton, we have a number of state highways that bisect the community. One in particular, OR 8 (or Canyon Road), acts as a "river" that divides the community. Two light rail stations are located on the north side of Canyon Road. On the south side, there are pockets of statistically disadvantaged populations that find it difficult to cross between long blocks between intersections.

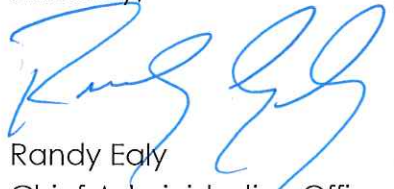
The Canyon Road Complete Streets project is the type of project would benefit from multimodal funding and would provide significant return on investment as relates to livability, redevelopment, access to jobs and freight movement.

This project would improve livability through the addition of crosswalks, new signalization, and intersection improvements which will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to easily and safely cross Canyon Road. The daily average total for pedestrians crossing Canyon Road is 159. Bicyclists top out at 125 per day. Beaverton is experiencing incredible growth and Metro anticipates that the Beaverton Regional Center will increase by 4,500 new jobs and 10,000 new residents over the next 25 years.

Finally, these improvements will increase the flow of freight across the region and unlock economic development. Currently, outmoded infrastructure slows traffic to regional employment centers and reduces flow of goods along a major freight route. The improvements in signal timing and curb radii will help support efficient freight movement—saving businesses time and money.

In summation, funding such projects will provide direct and immediate safety, livability and economic benefits. For these reasons, we strongly urge your support of **Connect Oregon** funding in **HB 5030**.

Sincerely,



Randy Ealy
Chief Administrative Officer