



February 27, 2019

Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
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Representative David Gomberg (Co-Chair)
Senator Jeff Golden
Senator Bill Hansell
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Business Oregon Budget, (SB 5524); Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF),

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,

I am writing to express our support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Program and one of its important tools, the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) within Business Oregon's budget. This funding source has filled important funding gaps to complete the Central Oregon Transformational Transportation project, which resulted in the development of a regional transit center and major transit upgrades across the region. The Transformational Transportation project supports the retention/creation of jobs in our region by connecting Central Oregonians with workforce development opportunities at OSU-Cascades, COCC, and the regional WorkSource centers; as well as with various regional employment centers.

Regional Solutions has benefitted our community by identifying priorities, solving problems, and seizing opportunities to get projects completed. In addition to the Regional Solutions Committee and Team helping with project coordination, streamlining, and facilitation, this funding source allowed us to complete this priority project.

I appreciate your support of the RIF and its benefit to regionally significant projects for our communities.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baney,
Executive Director