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Joint Committee On Transportation

Co-Chair Lee Beyer, Co-Chair Caddy McKeown, Vice Co-Chair Brian Boquist, Vice Co-Chair Ron Noble and members of the committee:

Recology, Inc. is an employee-owned waste management company, devoted to diverting waste from landfills. Recology has more than forty-five operating companies that serve more than 725,000 residential and 110,000 commercial customers in Oregon, California and Washington. In Oregon, Recology provides hauling services and operates recycling and compost sites around the state. Recology Western Oregon is based in McMinnville, sending hauling trucks around the region.

At Recology Western Oregon, we are pleased that the State has completed Phase 1 of the Hwy 99W/18 bypass project and look forward to the progress being made in Phase II. We believe in order to realize the full benefit of the investment, the entire project from Rex Hill to Dayton must be completed. A finished Bypass will allow our trucks to move through and around the area quickly, reducing idling time and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as increasing productivity, job opportunity and most importantly improving safety. The well-being of our residents is a top priority.

We are grateful for the funding already granted by the state for this project and hope the state will consider further investment to help move towards completion of the bypass. Additional funding will help transform this increasingly congested area to the advantage of freight mobility, seismic resiliency, the environment, livable communities, tourism growth and business and economic development. As you and others in the Legislature thoughtfully consider funding transportation infrastructure around the State, please keep the Newberg-Dundee Bypass top of mind.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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