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April 14, 2021

To: Joint Committee on Ways & Means

From: Josette M. Mitchell, City of Vernonia Administrator

Re: In Support of Funding for Louisiana Avenue North/South Connection

Dear Committee Members,

As a small rural community in located in Columbia County, Vernonia is experiencing much interest in our community from people trying to escape the overpriced housing market of the Metro Portland area.

The project we propose is the Louisiana Avenue North/South connection. This project will include excavation, placing road base and topping, installing stormwater culverts, paving, and installing sidewalk infrastructure.

Louisiana Avenue is the area of Vernonia where the most current development is taking place in the City of Vernonia. There is potential for over 100 homes to be built off Louisiana Avenue should the road North/South connection be made.

In addition to this project literally paving the way for more cost-effective single family residential homes, this area is very near our K-12 school system and included in this project is new sidewalk infrastructure to ensure our students have safe routes to school.

Understanding that this project would bring many jobs in the home construction, paving, and earthwork fields is why we proposed it for potential funding.



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Upgrading this public infrastructure will surely have a ripple effect to benefit not only the City of Vernonia and its citizens, but many citizens of Oregon within the trades as well as Oregonians who are looking for more affordable options than they can find nearer the Metro area.

**PROJECT:**

**Numbers:**

Total project length: 2000 feet  
Undeveloped Connection: 600 feet  
Stormwater culverts install: 2,000 feet  
Sidewalk: 10,000 sq. ft.  
Curb/Gutter: 2,000 feet  
Paving 72,000 sq. ft.

**Estimate of Costs:**

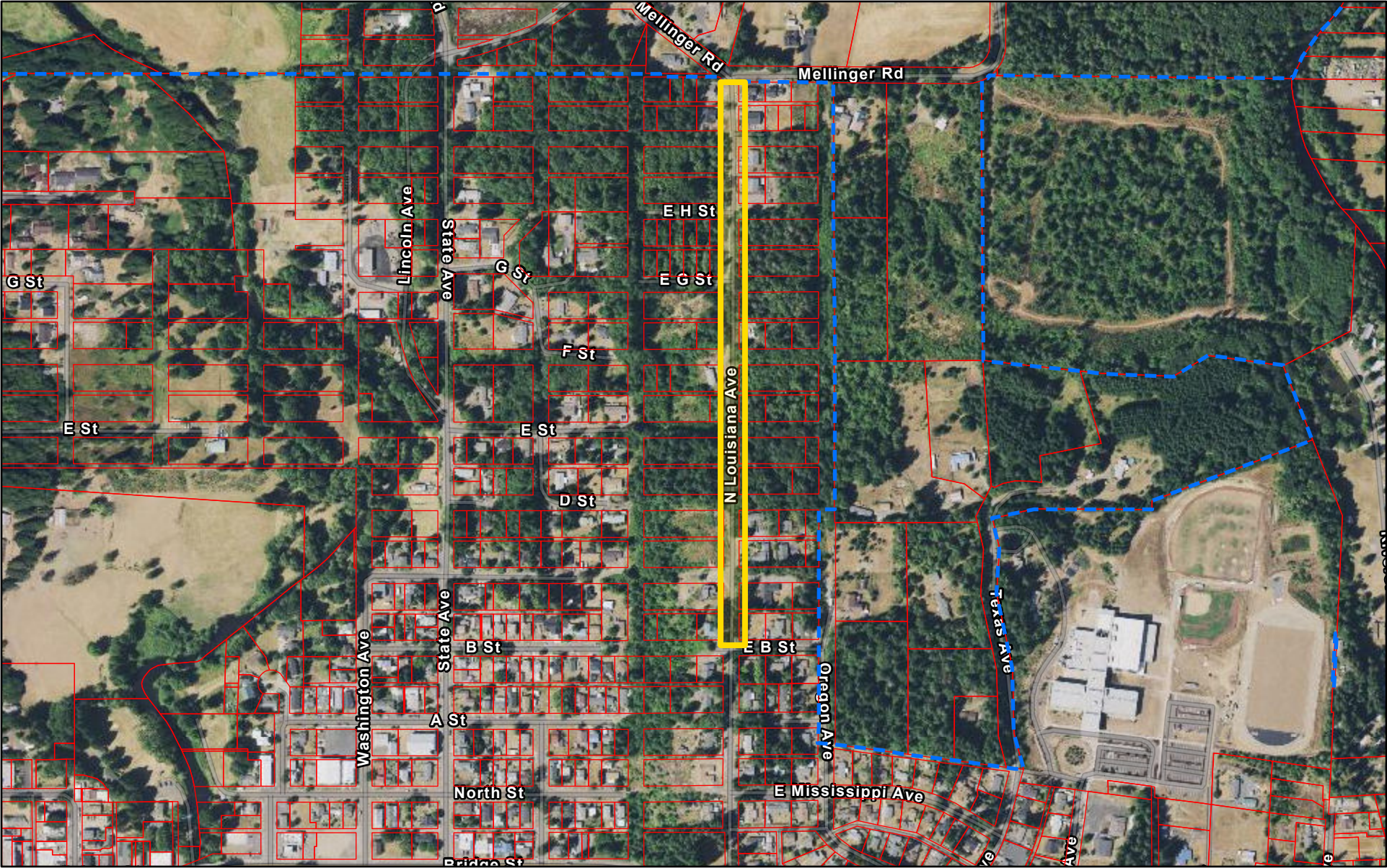
Excavation/Grading: \$36,000  
Stormwater culvert: \$10,000  
Sidewalk: \$52,000  
Curb/Gutter: \$12,380  
Paving: \$ 288,000

**ESTIMATED PROJECT TOTAL: \$398,380**



The City of Vernonia is excited and honored to be considered for an opportunity such as this.

Respectfully,

# Louisiana Avenue Upgrades North/South



4/1/2021

-  City Limits
-  Tax Lots

