



April 6, 2023

Senator Gorsek, Co-Chair  
Representative McLain Co-Chair  
Senator Boquist, Co-Vice Chair  
Representative Boshart Davis, Co-Vice Chair  
Joint Transportation Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support of House Bill (HB) 3113**

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis and Members of the Committee,

I offer the following testimony in support of HB 3113. The City of Carlton is known for its historic downtown and has become the epicenter of the North Willamette Valley's farm and wine industries. With a total area of 0.88 square miles and a current population of 2,324, the City of Carlton has over thirty-five (35) wineries and tasting rooms that call Carlton home and attract tourists from around the nation. Carlton was projected to have a population of 2,801 by the year 2033; however, with continuous large and small developments over the last 8 years to support the families attracted to our vibrant community, the City's growth rate will surpass these 2033 projections by 2025/26. Thirty-two (32) apartment units and fifty-three (53) single family homes are being built and finalized in 2023 alone and projected developments for late 2023/early 2024 include an additional one hundred (100) single family homes and a hotel.

OR 47 transects Carlton's town center and travels along Main Street in Carlton's downtown historic district. The number of vehicles traveling through on OR 47, especially large, heavy freight trucks has grown as fast, or faster, than our population over the last ten (10) years. Larger vehicles cannot navigate the curbs and corners on Main Street causing tires to mount curbs and go over sidewalks. This has created significant safety issues for our pedestrians and bicyclists, a difficult environment for our businesses to thrive, and a challenge for visitors and citizens to enjoy our downtown.

The City has explored the Great Streets Program and believes this is an important tool for Carlton and other communities that have state highways running through them. ODOT is working with the City to realign OR 47 one (1) block north as part of the STIP program and the City is doing everything it can to work with ODOT to ensure a pedestrian accessible, safe downtown that will support our growing community and our businesses. The Great Streets Program includes activities Carlton seeks to incorporate, such as: traffic calming, sidewalks and crossings improvements, bike lanes, street trees, pavement repair and stormwater improvements.

As proposed the Great Streets Program, HB 3113, provides a program with exactly the essential investment opportunities Carlton and other communities need to ensure our communities remain, and continue to be, vibrant, healthy and prosperous - in partnership with our state highways - now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
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