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Joint Transportation Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 3113

Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am writing in support of additional funding for House Bill 3113: The Great Streets Program. This bill presents an important opportunity for the State of Oregon to begin addressing critical transportation infrastructure needs in local communities that have State Highways as Main Streets.

Molalla has developed a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TSP) and adopted corresponding Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to address the diverse transportation needs of our community. Many of these needs are located on our State Highway’s and unfortunately, the current funding constraints limit our ability to focus on these larger projects, which contain much of the safety, multimodal accessibility, equity, climate mitigation enhancements that align with mutual (State and City) goals.

Even though local contributions are required for specific Highway projects within a city, we are leaving a lot on the table by being unable to incorporate elements from larger projects into our annual construction activities. Additional funding provided through HB 3113, if our City were able to access it, would allow us to prioritize and invest in larger projects, such as the widening and access improvements for bikes/pedestrians on OR HWY 213, OR HWY 211, and N. Molalla Avenue.

The Great Streets Program and additional funding through HB 3113 have the potential to provide important benefits for Molalla, for other cities and communities as well as our State. Molalla is actively exploring ways to secure ongoing funding to ensure that our transportation infrastructure remains safe, efficient, and accessible for all community members, and it is our hope that these funding sources can be leveraged to enhance the effectiveness of the Great Streets Program. We believe that the passage of HB 3113 would make a meaningful difference for Molalla and other cities across Oregon, and urge you to support this legislation and invest in the future of our state's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Dan Huff  
City Manager  
City of Molalla