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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair; Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Lane County Support for City of Eugene Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Holvey,

On behalf of Lane County, we would like to express our support for the City of Eugene's request for state funds for the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project.

This project will result in important public investments in industrial land readiness and respond to the statewide demand for large, developable, industrially-zoned sites.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners supports these investments because they will help attract large, job-creating businesses, with far-reaching benefits for the county and the region.

With Lane County's support, the City of Eugene in 2017 expanded its Urban Growth Boundary to include the Clear Lake area to provide land to meet the city's future employment needs. The industrial area includes 11 large sites, ranging from 380 to 605 acres of usable land, with the potential to add up to 6,000 new jobs. The sites are expected to attract manufacturing and other firms that would improve the region's low average wages (82% of the state average).

Currently, most of the area is not served by wastewater infrastructure and is not shovel ready. The first phase of the Clear Lake Road Industrial Infrastructure Project will construct a wastewater collection system for the area's northern section and a pump station to serve the entire area. Adding these key pieces of infrastructure to the already existing transportation network would help address Oregon's well-documented need for large employment sites.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners gladly supports the City of Eugene's request of approximately \$8.5 million from the 2023 Lottery Bond-Economic Development allocation for the Clear Lake Road Industrial Area Infrastructure Project. We look forward to continuing to work with Eugene to support the growth of our manufacturing sector.

Sincerely,

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners