



**City of  
McMinnville**  
ADMINISTRATION

February 16, 2024

Joint Committee on Ways and Means on Capital Construction  
Legislative Fiscal Office  
900 Court Street, NE, Room H-178  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project Request for \$4M**

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, and Committee Members,

I am writing to urge your support of the City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project. This project will fix deteriorated downtown infrastructure that has led to accessibility and safety issues and will define the character of our city center for the next generation. We have been planning and discussing this project in our community for well over twenty years. Third Street is the heart of our community and we know that we need to fix the infrastructure but we want to ensure that we are doing it in such a way that we protect our city center's economic vitality and plan for the flexibility for future needs. We have dedicated both urban renewal and ARPA funds to the project. We have requested federal Community Improvement dollars from our federal delegation and now are requesting funding support from the state. McMinnville is the economic center of Yamhill County and Third Street is the backbone of McMinnville. We are seeking a \$4,000,000 direct allocation.

Respectfully,,

Jeff Towery, City Manager  
City of McMinnville