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RE: SB 5550
From: City Of Manzanita

Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

The City of Manzanita extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the work of the legislature in passing SB 1530, and for considering a technical fix included in SB 5550 to add “transportation” to our project title that ensures that the funds allocated to the City of Manzanita can be utilized to support the necessary road related improvements that were originally included in this project and are functionally integrated with the stormwater and watermain improvements that will serve needed housing in our community. Notably the project will serve 12 acres of land recently annexed into the city, which is deed restricted for workforce and affordable housing. On February 10th, 2025, the Planning Commission approved a 60 unit multi-family income restricted housing development that cannot be built without this project.

The project is focused on Classic Street which serves as the transportation spine that connects the undeveloped residentially zoned land within our UGB and city. Recent geotechnical studies have indicated that the roadway is showing signs of failure and requires stormwater infrastructure and stabilization including a retaining wall to the west. The project also includes the installation of a water main that will provide necessary flow and pressure to serve the undeveloped residential land including the recently approved 60 units of affordable housing. The project will also provide critical redundancy to the city’s water system. The water line will be placed in an easement to the west and will also allow for a separated pedestrian pathway for this highly utilized roadway creating a safer alternative for existing and future residents to access the city without the use of a motor vehicle. Road reconstruction is an essential component of this fully integrated project and will deliver on the goals and intentions set forth by the legislature for use of these funds.

Without this funding source, we will be unable unlock the housing that is desperately needed in our community and Tillamook County. Ensuring that the integrated roadway improvements can be funded along with the stormwater and water elements of the project as originally intended, ensures we can do our part to help address the housing crisis in our state, and will ensure that the 60 units of income restricted housing will have the infrastructure it needs to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration, and we encourage you to pass this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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