



March 7, 2025

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Joint Committee On Ways & Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse,

As local governments across Oregon work diligently and urgently to address the housing needs of their community members, critical infrastructure projects often present a serious and costly barrier to meeting those needs. The City of Springfield deeply appreciates the legislature's recognition of these critical needs in passing SB 1530 in 2024, and we are grateful to be included in the technical fixes offered in SB 5550. This will allow the City to reallocate the funding received via SB 1530 to a project both similar in nature and as consequential to the City's efforts to support housing development in our community.

The Jasper Trunk Line Extension project will provide wastewater service to the Jasper/Natron area that is currently not served. This site is the largest undeveloped area within the City of Springfield's Urban Growth Boundary at roughly 300 acres. Given completion of the Bob Straub Parkway, it is a priority to extend wastewater service to this area to serve development. The project is currently planned to be constructed in 3 phases, Phases 1 and 2 have been completed. Phase 3 consists of the installation of 5,280 feet of 18 to 24-inch diameter line along Jasper Road from the current termination point (approximately 1,600 feet southeast of Mt. Vernon Road) to the south side of Bob Straub Parkway near Brand S Road.

The City of Springfield would like to express our appreciation to both Business Oregon and the Legislative Fiscal Office for their engagement and their development of this legislation. It will allow us to complete vital infrastructure work, paving the way for housing and sustainable growth in Springfield. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean VanGordon", is written over a white background.

Sean VanGordon
Mayor, City of Springfield

CC: Representative John Lively
Senator Floyd Prozanski