

McMinnville Urban Renewal Area Committee

May 2, 2025

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

From: McMinnville Urban Renewal Area Committee (MURAC)

Re: SB 5531 Support

Dear Co-Chair Senator Girod, Co-Chair Representative Nosse, and Committee members:

The McMinnville Urban Renewal Area Committee (MURAC) is asking for your support for our NE Gateway Alpine Ave. Street Improvement Project Phase 2 submission in SB 5531. The MURAC is comprised of residents and property owners in the NE Gateway area as well as the McMinnville Downtown Association, McMinnville Water and Light, and the City Council.

This project will construct the second half of Alpine Avenue to incentivize housing and commercial development in the northern end of the NE Gateway District as part of a revitalization effort. The first 4 blocks were completed in Phase 1. Timing is critical to support the redevelopment of a 3.5-acre opportunity site into high-density housing and mixed use commercial. This project will support increasing our density and provide more workforce and affordable housing options and vibrant commercial opportunities To deliver on our combined efforts to increase housing stock and economic opportunities in the City of McMinnville, we must also ensure the proper infrastructure to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration of funding for this important improvement project.

Sincerely,

Peter Kircher Chair, MURAC