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Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for City of Sheridan Capital Funding

Co-Chair Senator Girod, Co-Chair Senator Nosse and members of the subcommittee,

On behalf of the Strategic Economic Development Corporation of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon (SEDCOR), I am writing to express my strong support of the City of Sheridan's funding request for the Sheridan Rd. Improvement Project.

SEDCOR is the regional economic development organization (RDO) serving Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties. Our focus is on business retention and expansion (BRE) and recruitment of traded sector industries. As such, we are often asked what businesses look for when sighting a location in Oregon. Some components of our answer vary depending on the industry and the specific project, but one response that stays constant is the need for community infrastructure.

Economic development is vital to Sheridan's local economy and the overall health of the West Valley – one of our region's most underserved areas. The city has a rich history in logging but as this industry becomes more automatized our local community members are losing jobs. The city has industrial lands along Sheridan Road. Improvements to the road will help the city retain current industrial employers like Forest River Manufacturing and attract new industries that will provide working families with living wage jobs.

Improvements to safety and navigability of this major roadway will allow commerce to flow more efficiently and safely, as well as contributing to the overall betterment of the community and tourism experience, ultimately strengthening Sheridan's local economy.

We hope you will join us in supporting this vital infrastructure project in rural Oregon.

Sincerely,



Abisha Stone
SEDCOR - Yamhill County Economic Development Manager