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Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod
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Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

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

I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of the City of Sheridan's Capital Funding Request for the reconstruction of Sheridan Road. This project has been identified as a top priority by the City Council, Planning Commission, city staff, and community members. The City has completed the design phase, and with state investment, is prepared to move forward with construction.

Sheridan Road is a critical thoroughfare in our community, serving residential neighborhoods, commercial establishments, and industrial businesses. It functions as an informal connector to Highway 18 and supports a wide range of uses, including access to an assisted living facility, a major employer (Forest River Manufacturing), the city's wastewater treatment plant, an RV campground with long-term rentals, and various small businesses.

Currently, the road is in severe disrepair and presents significant safety hazards. It lacks adequate infrastructure for multimodal transportation, creating unsafe conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and students from the Sheridan School District. Fire flow on Sheridan Road is below code requirements, posing additional public safety concerns.

The need for investment is not only about infrastructure—it is also about economic development and resilience. Sheridan's economy, historically rooted in the timber industry, is undergoing transition. As logging becomes more automated, the community is seeking to attract and retain living-wage jobs through industrial growth along Sheridan Road. Improving this corridor will directly support existing employers and enhance the city's appeal to new businesses and industries. Additionally, beautifying this roadway will contribute to tourism and community pride.

Sheridan is also identified by Portland General Electric as part of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) zone. During fire-prone conditions, the area is at risk for extended outages. Safe and reliable access along Sheridan Road is critical for emergency response and community safety during these events.

The proposed reconstruction includes resurfacing, widening, drainage improvements, and the addition of multimodal paths on both sides of the street. The total project cost is estimated at \$9.2 million. With your support, a substantial portion of this project can be realized, paving the way not only for safer travel but also for new affordable housing development—growth that is currently constrained by the road's condition.

This investment would make a meaningful impact on a rural, low-income community striving to modernize its infrastructure, improve public safety, and promote economic opportunity. I urge you to support the City of Sheridan's request and help advance this vital project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorie Vickery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dorie" being more prominent than the last name "Vickery".

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