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We, in Lincoln City, are passionate about the use of alternative transportation modes and believe that adding strategic and safe pedestrian crossing locations are vital to encouraging walking, biking and utilization of public transportation. As such, we are seeking funding for our priority Highway 101 Enhanced Crossings, which will each entail construction of new enhanced pedestrian crosswalks with Rapid Flashing Beacons.

Two of the proposed crossing locations are north of D-River. The northern most crossing is one of three priority locations per our adopted Transportation System Plan. For this location we are respectfully requesting \$250,000 for the construction of city-designed plans. The second location north of D-River is adjacent to a newly constructed 107-unit affordable apartment complex that opened late last summer. These apartment units are located on the east side of Highway 101 with Grocery Outlet and other commercial/service amenities located directly across the highway. For this location we are requesting \$300,000 for construction of city-designed plans.

Continuing south, the next two crossing locations, south of D-River are the remaining two of the three priority locations per our adopted Transportation System Plan. Additionally, both of these two proposed enhanced crossing locations will be connecting residential to retail and other essential services where signalized intersections are in excess of 1,700 feet away. Several years ago, in early spring, ODOT representatives accepted our invitation to come to Lincoln City in order to experience attempting to cross Highway 101 at two of our priority proposed enhanced crossing locations. ODOT representatives could not believe how difficult it was to cross Highway 101 at these locations. The Highway 101 crossing in the north end of town received funding and now has enhanced crossing improvements in place, however the south crossing is part of this request and is entitled- "Highway 101 Crossing at Taft Fire Signal Near SW Coast Avenue". For the two southernmost locations we are requesting \$275,000 and \$300,000 respectively for construction of city-designed plans.

In summary, due to our successful and continuing efforts to attract new housing developments, these strategic Highway 101 enhanced pedestrian crossings are essential to providing residents with both safe and equitable access to vital services in our community and also to promote and encourage walkability.

All four enhanced crossing locations will cost a total of \$1.125 million with Lincoln

City funding a total of \$250,000 in design services. Thank you for your time and consideration.