

May 9, 2025

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Subcommittee on Capital Construction

900 Court St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Amity Rapid Flashing Beacon

Co-chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The City of Amity is requesting \$65,000 to fund the design and installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of Oregon State Highways 99W and 153, located in the heart of our downtown area.

Highway 99W serves as our main street and experiences significant traffic, with approximately 12,000 average daily trips. We have received consistent feedback from residents regarding the safety of crossing this busy highway, particularly during peak times such as lunch, dinner, and school crossing hours.

We understand that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is currently in the design phase of upgrading Amity's ADA curb ramps to meet current standards. Coordinating the RRFB installation with these improvements would create significant and much-needed cost efficiencies for our city.

The requested \$65,000 represents 93% of the total project cost and would allow us to address the community's safety concerns related to crossing this heavily traveled state highway.

Thank you for considering this important request for the City of Amity.

Sincerely,

Sean-Ryan Fitzgerald

Planning Commission Member, City of Amity