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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in strong support of HB 2025 and the proposed Great Streets Fund. Southeast Bend is growing rapidly, with more than 7,500 homes currently in the approval pipeline—including over 1,000 deed-restricted affordable housing units. However, this development cannot proceed efficiently without essential transportation safety upgrades to modernize county roads and ensure safe intersections.

These transportation improvements are ideal candidates for the Great Streets Fund established by HB 2025. Upgrading county roads to meet city street standards would significantly enhance safety, mobility, and access for all users. Improvements would include sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, crosswalks, and bike lanes—features that promote complete streets and help reduce vehicle miles traveled as well as greenhouse gas emissions. Collectively, these upgrades would improve multimodal connectivity and ease pressure on South Highway 97 by creating appropriately scaled roadways that safely manage traffic volumes.

State investment in this infrastructure is crucial. It will ensure that roads are built to modern standards, support Governor Kotek's housing production objectives, and provide safe, efficient transportation for growing communities.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to prioritizing communities like Southeast Bend.