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We are residents of SE Bend, since 2019 and of Central Oregon since 2006. We have witnessed the population of Bend explode during these past 19 years and how the road/transportation plans and budgets for Deschutes County and the City of Bend are not able to keep up with this population and expansion of the urban growth boundaries. Our East/West corridors are crowded and maxed out and often require double the time it should take to travel on the main roads. Roundabouts and traffic signals to keep these corridors safe only exacerbate the crowding and travel time. Another East/West road is being developed along what I understand has been named New Journey Rd. The funds this bill would help provide would help alleviate the cost burden being put on developers and the city, who already have very high costs associated to developing new areas where housing and schools are planned to be built. I encourage this bill to move forward and highly support some of the funds be used for this expansion project.