



Economic Vitality Leadership Council

February 11, 2026

Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Nosse, and Committee:

The City of McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council (MEVLC) is asking for your support for our NE Gateway Alpine Ave. Street Improvement Project Phase 2. The MEVLC is comprised of leaders representing the City of McMinnville, McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, Visit McMinnville, McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce, the McMinnville Downtown Association, McMinnville Water and Light, Linfield University, and Chemeketa Community College.

This project will construct the second half of Alpine Avenue to incentivize housing and commercial development in the northern end of the NE Gateway District as part of a revitalization effort. The first 4 blocks were completed in Phase 1. Timing is critical to support the redevelopment of a 3.5-acre opportunity site into high-density housing and mixed use commercial. This project will support increasing our density and provide more workforce and affordable housing options and vibrant commercial opportunities. To deliver on our combined efforts to increase housing stock and economic opportunities in the City of McMinnville, we must also ensure the proper infrastructure to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration of funding for this important improvement project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Chenoweth".

Chris Chenoweth
Chair, MEVLC