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Ron Kroop, District Manager
ODOT
6000 SW Raab Road
Portland, Oregon 97221

RE: ODOT Region 1 Preservation Program

Dear Mr. Kroop:

City of West Linn staff recently attended an ODOT presentation where potential projects were discussed for the Region 1 Presentation Program. One of the projects listed was Highway 43 from McVey to I-205. As you are aware, a significant portion of this project lies within the City of West Linn. Highway 43 is a major commuter link to Lake Oswego and downtown Portland. It is also a vital transportation corridor within the City of West Linn.

Two other factors are also a major consideration for the preservation of this vital link. First, the City of West Linn has recently received two grants to study enhancements to the Highway 43 corridor: a Metro grant to study the potential of enhancing Highway 43 as a boulevard within the Bolton Neighborhood area; and also an ODOT TGM grant to develop a streetscape design plan through the Robinwood Neighborhood. Secondly, the cities of Lake Oswego and Portland, along with other regional agencies, are studying commuter options from Lake Oswego to Portland. In addition to expected growth, this will create even more demands on Highway 43 through West Linn.

For these reasons, it is imperative to make the investment now to preserve and possibly enhance the condition of this vital transportation infrastructure and incorporating the design results of the two planning and

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development transportation grant projects where it is feasible. The City's staff and I are available to meet with you to discuss the opportunity to ensure this program goes forward.

Sincerely,



Chris Jordan, City Manager

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