

# *East Multnomah County Transportation Committee*

City of Fairview City of Gresham City of Troutdale City of Wood Village Multnomah County Port of Portland

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ODOT Region 1  
Attn: Jeff Flowers  
123 NW Flanders Street  
Portland, OR 97209

Subject: 2015-2018 STIP Enhance Projects

Dear Mr. Flowers,

The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) has identified as its top priority and strongly supports the funding of the NE 238<sup>th</sup> Drive Project as part of this STIP funding cycle. This project is an important investment in the transportation infrastructure for East County. This project completes a top priority project that was identified as part of the completion of the East Metro Connections Plan corridor study completed in the summer of 2012, and includes improvements for all users, including freight and multimodal components. Freight improvements will accommodate trucks that are currently unable to use this road due to the curvature of the roadway. This freight improvement is also an opportunity to balance mobility among the four I-84 interchanges in East County. The addition of and improvements to bike and pedestrian facilities will provide a safe facility for users to access essential services located in the nearby Wood Village Town Center by removing multimodal conflicts.

The NE 238<sup>th</sup> Drive Project also leverages and builds on the Engineering and Design work identified as one of the two top priority MTIP projects for the Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) by EMCTC. The STIP funding will construct the NE 238<sup>th</sup> Drive project.

EMCTC also endorses the Sandy Blvd project for improvements from the Gresham/Fairview city limits to NE Quail on Sandy Blvd and at the intersection of 230<sup>th</sup> Ave and Sandy Blvd. These improvements will significantly complete Sandy Blvd for freight access in this region with the completion of Sandy Blvd from 181<sup>st</sup> Ave to the Gresham/Fairview city limits, identified as EMCTC's priority project in the MTIP Active Transportation and Freight/Green Economy funding. The combination of these two projects leverages future development adjacent to and near Sandy Blvd by improving the freight, bike, pedestrian and transit facilities. This project completes gaps in Sandy Blvd and creates improved truck access to industrial areas and also provides safer access for all modes.

These projects address regional transportation needs, and EMCTC appreciates the legislature's and Governor's recognition of their importance. Thank you for your consideration in advancing these projects as ODOT Region 1 priorities.

Sincerely,



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Multnomah County Commissioner  
Chair, East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

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