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Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD) Community Pathways Grant
Phase I of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail**

To whom it may concern:

I write this email on behalf of the Yamhill County Parkway Committee (Committee). The Committee strongly supports CPRD's above grant application. The EIS for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Improvement Project provides that the Bypass Project is a multi-modal transportation project. The Committee has taken this directive seriously. Phase I on the highway component has been completed and Phases II and III are proceeding. The other components are transit and a pedestrian/bicycle trail system.

A number of years ago the Committee began successfully applying for grants for the development of an effective transit system in Yamhill County and connecting to surrounding areas. From this leadership and support, an effective transit system has been developed.

The Committee has also been supportive of the development of an effective pedestrian/bicycle trail system component of the EIS. The proposed CPRD project is a key part of such a trail system. In fact, representatives of the Bypass Project discussed this need with Senator Markley in Washington DC. Such a trail system will be of great benefit to Newberg, Dundee, Yamhill County and when completed will connect to Marion, Clackamas and Washington Counties. The benefits to recreation and the impact of tourism dollars to our local economy will be significant.

This CPRD project is a vital first step in the development of such a trail system. The project will provide the public with the many benefits which will result from such a trail system and is important in fulfilling the EIS multi modal Bypass Project requirement.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant for this very important project.

Respectfully,

Dave Haugeberg, Committee Chair