

January 8, 2021

Chair Robert Van Brocklin Oregon Transportation Commission 355 Capitol Street NE, MS #11 Salem, OR 97301-3871

Re: Support for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail

Dear Chair Van Brocklin and Fellow Commissioners,

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue currently provides fire, rescue, hazardous materials, emergency medical, and ambulance transport services to Newberg and the surrounding area.

We are writing to express our support for the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail. In our valued partnership with Chehalem Park and Recreation District, we understand that their work is vital to supporting a healthy and vibrant community. This project would improve access near waterways where our water rescue team responds and creates safer routes for cyclists, runners, and walkers.

We support Chehalem Park and Recreation's work and the merits of this project as it aligns with our mission to protect the health and safety of the communities we serve.

Because of the many benefits that this project will provide, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue supports the funding and development of the proposed Newberg-Dundee Bypass Trail.

Respectfully,

Deric Weiss Fire Chief, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

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