

January 3, 2022

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn Office Building
Washington D.C, 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
U.S. Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C, 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
U.S Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C, 20150

Dear Congressman DeFazio, Senator Wyden, and Senator Merkley:

We write to express our immense gratitude for your support of our Fiscal Year 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to rebuild and revive Franklin Boulevard. Your support was critical to securing this major \$19 million investment in our region's central link between downtown Springfield and downtown Eugene and beyond to the rural areas that sustain us all.

We very much look forward to getting to work. More so, we look forward to seeing how the project helps people as its core purpose— whether it's through lives saved, barriers to mobility and access for all addressed, or our shared regional vision brought to life for a place we can be even prouder of.

The climate-smart investments and new jobs this project brings will meaningfully contribute toward recovery and resilience—both environmentally and economically. The transformation of the Franklin Boulevard corridor will have a catalytic effect on Oregon's second largest metro area for years to come. We will continue to keep you apprised of the project's progress.

Sincerely,



Mayor Sean VanGordon
City of Springfield



Mayor Lucy Vinis
City of Eugene



Board President Caitlin Vargas
Lane Transit District

