



---

May 12, 2021  
Secretary Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Oregon Fruit Products LLC, is an 86 year old Salem Oregon company and is located near the area of the McGilchrist Street corridor. We recently made the acquisition of the property and have invested in both the facility and in our manufacturing capabilities in an effort to keep and grow jobs in the Salem area as well in hopes of continued growth of the economy in Salem Oregon. We have been made aware of the proposed RAISE grant program to improve the corridor through implementation of the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project.

As an existing property owner and one who has an interest in continued and future redevelopment opportunities, the potential public investment into our existing transportation corridor will provide the necessary improvements to accommodate future growth opportunities. Upgrading the McGilchrist corridor and its exits will improve traffic flow and reduce traffic pressure on cross streets and intersections.

We appreciate your work on this important project and I look forward to seeing the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project come to fruition and support the efforts of the City of Salem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Sarles", is written over a light blue circular watermark.

Chris Sarles  
President/CEO  
Oregon Fruit Products