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Kate Brown, Governor

**Oregon Transportation Commission**

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) is pleased to support the City of Salem's application for RAISE 2021 funding for the McGilchrist Complete Street project.

This important project would markedly improve Salem's McGilchrist Street, a Critical Urban Freight Corridor serving the 468 acre McGilchrist Opportunity Area. Should this project be funded, McGilchrist Street would be expanded to handle growing freight traffic, to more effectively manage and treat storm water, to improve safety for all roadway users, and to offer bicycle and pedestrian connections to essential services – like the Social Security Administration office and Veterans' Affairs clinic located on McGilchrist.

An investment in the McGilchrist Complete Street project will help spur economic development in Salem and the greater Mid-Willamette Valley area. The full build out of this project will make McGilchrist Street the key connector between industrial lands and the multimodal transportation network.

The OTC is pleased to support this grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Van Brocklin, Chair  
Oregon Transportation Commission