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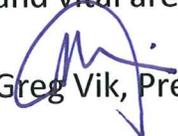
Secretary of Transportation
Joel Szabat, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation Policy
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Szabat:

I would very much appreciate your acceptance of my letter as an indication of my tremendous support for the City of Springfield's funding request through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant process to begin the redesign and reconstruction of Franklin Boulevard in Glenwood, Oregon. The multi-way boulevard attributes of the project, and its dedication to transit lanes and bicycle and pedestrian throughways are essential to the long-term quality of the Glenwood neighborhood, not to mention to efficient travel in a critical area mid-way between the two Cities Eugene and Springfield.

We have lived in the area for longer than 50 years and have participated significantly for the past four years in efforts to master plan and create effective redevelopment of the Glenwood area along Franklin Boulevard and the River. This location between two Cities, along a beautiful River frontage absolutely demands high quality mixed-use development. A high grade transportation facility afforded by the new Franklin Boulevard reconstruction is very much consistent and essential to Glenwood's appropriate redevelopment.

This Glenwood area, despite its outstanding promise, has been left for nought for many years. Together with our efforts and progress made in landing a three star hotel development on the River frontage of the Karotko family property in Glenwood along with the Franklin Boulevard reconstruction, these and other developments will ensure that this beautiful site fulfills its potential and attraction for our entire communities for everything from recreation to economic and many other opportunities. May I urge you to help us build on a vision of a thriving, attractive and vital area of our community. Please support this wonderful Franklin Project.

Sincerely,  Greg Vik, President, Vik Construction Company