



July 6, 2021

Attn: Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter serves as the Letter of Commitment for the \$1.38 Million in local match funds from the City of Eugene for the Franklin Boulevard corridor project. The source of the match will be from a combination of local voter-approved bond measure funding and system development charges (SDCs).

Bond Measure to Fix Streets: Eugene voters support preserving our streets. In November of 2017, voters approved the third multi-year pavement preservation bond measure. The 2017 bond measure, which started in 2019, promises construction on 91 streets. Knowing the degrading pavement condition on Franklin Boulevard, that the Franklin Boulevard Transformation planning project in Eugene would be complete, and the City of Eugene would be applying for funding through grant opportunities, Franklin Boulevard was strategically included in the 2017 bond measure. The Franklin Boulevard Corridor project will help leverage federal funding to bring the facility up to a state of good repair, build a complete street while also reaching our Vision Zero safety and climate recovery goals.

System Development Charges (SDCs): SDCs are fee scheduled charges applied to new development to help offset the impact of development, redevelopment, or an intensification of use. They are collected on new development in the city and are used to fund that portion of the construction of infrastructure required to support new developments. These SDCs help the City provide increased capacity needs and recoup a portion of the community's investment in specific infrastructure reserve capacity that is already in place. For a project to be eligible for SDC funding, it must be listed in the City of Eugene's Transportation System Plan (TSP). With Franklin Boulevard project numbers: #MM-19, #PB-508 and #S-13 in the Eugene TSP, the City is also able to commit SDC funding for the Franklin Boulevard Corridor project to meet the match requirements of this grant.

The restrictions associated with the bond measure and SDC funding is that the \$1.38 Million from City of Eugene local funds must be used on Franklin Boulevard in Eugene. Eugene is a small city. In fact, if we were applying separately, both Eugene and Springfield would be considered rural under the RAISE definition. As a small City, it is rare that we are so well positioned to match a federal grant at a competitive rate. With this letter of commitment, I urge you to fully fund the *Franklin Boulevard: A Partnership to Rebuild and Revive a Corridor* project.

Sincerely,

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