



July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Cottage Grove Main Street Revitalization Project  
BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Grant Committee,

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the City's application for a BUILD Grant to be put toward the Main Street Revitalization Project.

The city of Cottage Grove, Oregon is an incredible community full of picturesque covered bridges, beautiful cycling routes, hiking trails, and a great Historic District.

I serve as the Executive Director for the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and I continue to be amazed by our fantastic Historic District and its appeal to both locals and visitors. The businesses along Main Street are vital to our little town but sadly, the area's current conditions do not allow everyone to experience them to the fullest.

Our Historic District's infrastructure is not current with today's ADA standards, meaning many members of the community are either unable to—or find it incredibly difficult to—enjoy everything that our historic Main Street has to offer. Our sidewalks are disintegrating, the crown of the street is so bad that cars have difficulty opening their doors when parked, and access to utilities is severely limited. We have an approved plan to make the necessary improvements but we don't yet have the financial means to implement the Main Street Revitalization Project.

If awarded, the Build Grant would have a tremendous, permanent impact on the vitality of Cottage Grove. It would allow us to make many of the much needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure; including cars, trucks, cyclists, pedestrians and people with disabilities. Every business will benefit from these improvements as well as our citizens and the many visitors who come to Cottage Grove each day.

On behalf of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, I hope you will partner with us as we are partnering with other organizations around the community to restore and revitalize our Main Street Historic District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Palmer", written over a horizontal line.

Travis Palmer – Executive Director

Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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