



Lane County Public Works Department

Engineering & Construction Services Division

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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

To Whom It May Concern:

Lane County supports and will be an active partner in Cottage Grove's BUILD application to complete the Main Street Revitalization Project. Cottage Grove is a rural city within Lane County and its Main Street is a critical connection to Lane County's rural roadway known as Cottage Grove Lorane Highway. As its name implies, this highway connects Cottage Grove to the unincorporated community of Lorane.

The town of Lorane is home to local winery industries, such as King Estates and Iris Hill, and the rural school district, Crow-Applegate-Lorane. Cottage Grove is the nearest community for Lorane residents to access goods and services. The Cottage Grove Lorane Highway is the means of transportation between the two communities. This highway transitions into Main Street within Cottage Grove.

Instead of a highway that divides a rural city, Cottage Grove envisions the transformation of its Main Street to support all modes of travel and economic development, while preserving its historical character. The vision is documented in the Main Street Refinement Plan that was developed by the community and adopted by the Cottage Grove City Council in 2015. Funding is needed to implement the plan's recommended infrastructure improvements.

BUILD funding would be ideal for this project, as it supports rural communities that have limited resources and are dependent upon roads to meet daily needs.

Sincerely,

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