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December 19, 2024

Metro
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Re: 2040 Planning and Development Grant – Development Ready Land Study

Dear Grant Review Committee:

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) strongly supports the 2040 Planning and Development Grant application for the Development Ready Land Study. At the December 10th Board of County Commissioner Policy Session, the BCC approved submission of the grant application by the Department of Transportation and Development (DTD). We support this project and the use of County staff time to manage and participate in this project.

The Development Ready Land Study is an information gathering exercise to understand development challenges in future urban areas (urban reserves and rurally zoned areas in the Portland Metropolitan Urban Growth Boundary). It will provide locally reviewed and coordinated information about land readiness and development feasibility of these places in Clackamas County. Local jurisdictions will be able to use the study findings to more deeply engage in upcoming regional and state planning and policy projects.

This project has five expected outcomes:

1. Alignment and Partnership with city partners and impacted service providers.
2. Understanding of Available Usable Lands for both future housing and job growth.
3. Public/Private Partnerships to support development.
4. Information that will inform regional and state land use advocacy approaches.
5. A high level understanding of the real cost of Infrastructure Investments necessary to make land shovel ready.

The Clackamas County BCC fully supports the Development Ready Land Study and especially its focus on understanding development challenges in future urban areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tootie Smith, Chair
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners