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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Development Agency Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Dan Johnson, Director  
RE: Letter & Funding Commitment to Support Happy Valley Project's Metro Application  
DATE: January 14, 2025

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**REQUEST:** The City of Happy Valley is requesting the Development Agency Board submit a letter to Metro in support of the city's Regional Flexible Funds Allocation application for bike/pedestrian and interchange improvements on the Sunrise Highway. The City also requests a commitment of \$1,000,000 in Development Agency funds to the project.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Happy Valley submitted a Step 2 - Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) application for OR 212/224 Sunrise Hwy Phase 2: Bike/Ped Facilities and Interchange Improvements. This critical intersection of OR Hwy. 212 and OR Hwy. 224 (Rock Creek Junction) serves the Clackamas Industrial area, Happy Valley, Estacada, Sandy, and the rural communities of east Clackamas County.

Housing production in east Clackamas County has increased traffic through Rock Creek Junction, contributing to severe delays and frequent crashes. Bicyclists and pedestrians currently occupy the road shoulder of Rock Creek Junction, placing non-motorized travelers in proximity to regional freight traffic.

Happy Valley's proposed RFFA project will complete necessary investments for the Sunrise Gateway Refinement Plan. The project increases the southbound capacity of Rock Creek Junction, supporting further housing and job production, as well as provides safer and more complete bike and pedestrian travel options in the corridor. If awarded funding, the project will implement near-term solutions that are aligned and included in the Sunrise Gateway project.

Since the Happy Valley project is an element of the overall Sunrise project and it contributes to improving the flow of traffic to and through the Clackamas Industrial area, staff supports using \$1,000,000 of Clackamas Industrial Area Urban Renewal District funds as the cash match if the grant application is successful. This funding is provided through the Clackamas Industrial Area Urban Renewal District and is included in the approved FY 24-25 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Development Agency Board approve the attached Letter of Support and the \$1,000,000 commitment of Clackamas Industrial Area Urban Renewal District funds if the project's Regional Flexible Funds Allocation application is approved.

*Dan Johnson*

Dan Johnson, Director

Attachments: Draft Letter of Support and financial commitment

## COUNTY LETTERHEAD

January 14, 2025

Metro Council  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

Council President Peterson and Council Members,

Please accept this letter of support and commitment for funding match for the City of Happy Valley sponsored RFFA application for OR 212/224 Sunrise Hwy Phase 2: Bike/Ped Facilities and Interchange Improvements. This critical intersection of OR Hwy. 212 and OR Hwy. 224 (Rock Creek Junction) serves the Clackamas Industrial area, Happy Valley, Estacada, Sandy, and the rural communities of east Clackamas County.

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Clackamas County supports the improvements proposed in the Happy Valley RFFA application and acknowledges the importance of this investment as a part of the suite of transportation system improvements needed in the Sunrise Corridor area.

To this effort, the Clackamas County Development Agency has officially committed to contributing a \$1,000,000 cash match should the grant application be successful. Funding is provided through the Clackamas Industrial Area Urban Renewal District and is included in the adopted FY 24-25 budget.

Sincerely,

Craig Roberts, Chair  
On behalf of the Clackamas County Development Agency