



July 15, 2021

Oregon Transportation Commission
Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Street NE, MS11 Salem, OR 97301-3871

RE: Support for the I-205 STIP Amendment – Item G

Chair Van Brocklin and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment to the 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to increase funding and add a construction phase to the I-205 Improvements project.

We would like to express our appreciation to the legislature for passing HB3055, which provides funding to begin construction on the I-205 Improvements Project. Your approval of this STIP amendment will actualize years of coordinated effort toward creating a complete and balanced regional interstate system which will support safe, equitable, and timely movement of people and goods.

Clackamas County supports this amendment and the I-205 project, which will upgrade the last remaining two-lane section of I-205 and seismically strengthen the Abernethy Bridge to make it the first earthquake-ready interstate structure across the Willamette River.

Thank you for your ongoing work to accelerate the development of a modern and reliable transportation system that serves all Oregonians in an efficient, environmentally responsible, and safe manner. Approval of this amendment will move the state toward those goals and will bolster our statewide economy.

Clackamas County respectfully requests that you approve this amendment to the 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Savas *OR BCC*