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Ryan,

I am writing to formally request an additional **\$7 million in CMAQ funding** for the West Pine Reconstruction Project in Central Point. This project is vital for the safety of our community, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists along a heavily utilized corridor.

Since the original grant in 2015, the cost of the West Pine Reconstruction Project has significantly increased due to various factors, including inflation and rising material costs, time delays and COVID. The initial CMAQ grant of \$4,500,000 is no longer sufficient to cover the scope of work necessary to address the pressing safety concerns on West Pine.

The core purpose of this grant was to dramatically improve bike and pedestrian safety on a corridor that serves five school bus stops and the second-largest housing authority apartments in Central Point. This area experiences incredibly heavy pedestrian traffic, including numerous children traveling to and from school and bus stops. Tragically, since 2015, three children in Central Point have been hit while waiting to board the bus. These incidents underscore the urgent need for comprehensive improvements to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable residents.

We understand the importance of regional collaboration and are committed to being team players to ensure that critical infrastructure projects across the Rogue Valley can be completed. We are actively seeking solutions and partnerships to maximize the impact of every dollar.

However, if the full \$7 million in additional funding is not feasible, we respectfully request as much as possible to improve as much of the corridor as possible. While this would necessitate scaling back portions of the project, it would allow us to prioritize the most critical safety enhancements and still significantly impact this dangerous corridor. We believe any additional funding will be crucial in preventing further tragedies.

We ask the Policy Committee to address this funding immediately, as any project scope change will take additional time to get approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent request. We are available to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,

Matt Samitore

Assistant City Manager/Parks & Public Works Director, City of Central Point