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SUBJECT: Application to Identify Sidewalk Network Gaps Inhibiting Access to Bus Service

Dear Ms. Lesmeister:

I am pleased to write this letter, on behalf of the City of Salem, as a co-applicant with the Salem-Keizer Transit District to identify sidewalk network gaps that inhibit access to fixed-route bus service. The *Salem Transportation System Plan* includes policies and identifies needs associated with the pedestrian and transit networks in the Salem portion of the Urban Growth Boundary. Partnering with the Transit District on this study will help to inform priorities to enhance the pedestrian and transit networks in Salem.

Improving access to transit for all users is important to the City of Salem. The City Council supports this project and asks that you give strong consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

Mayor Anna M. Peterson
for the Salem City Council