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**Subject: *Land Use Application RVW26-000024, Wilson Lane Apartments
AKS Engineering & Forestry LLC, Applicant, Paul Walton & Joseph Timothy Walton, Owner
Oregon Department of Transportation, Supplemental Comments***

Thank you for granting the continuance as requested on May 21st, allowing the City, ODOT, and the Applicant to continue to work towards addressing the issues as raised. ODOT is providing the following supplemental comments, as a continuation of those previously provided to the City via letter on the above-mentioned subject, dated May 21, 2026.

The Oregon Department of Transportation understands the need for affordable housing and is in support of the State's housing initiatives and efforts. ODOT is responsible for ensuring the safe and efficient movement of goods and people throughout the region and state. It is to that end, ODOT coordinates with local jurisdictions to assess impacts to the transportation system from land use applications and identify any conditions within the system that may pose an operational or safety concern; further coordinating a resolution to those concerns. It is a shared goal for the transportation system to be safe for all users, including those traveling to and from planned housing.

The comments provided are not intended to slow or stop this land use application nor its approval but to make sure the City and developer are aware of an immediate safety concern that was identified as a part of the Transportation Impact Study (TIS). **Queues extending into the deceleration area of the off ramps is an immediate safety concern for ODOT that should not be allowed to occur.** The TIS has identified this condition is anticipated to occur on both the Eastbound and Westbound off ramps in the near future. ODOT is in support of the assessment of "fees in lieu of" by the City, towards mitigations as needed at the interchange, and acknowledges no further conditions of approval are requested.

Independent of this land use application, ODOT both supports and requests an Intergovernmental Agreement between ODOT and the City of Boardman is executed to formalize negotiated mitigation, necessary to address the cumulative transportation impacts of previous and future development. This agreement would address both the interim safety improvements consisting of the ramp lengthening and widening on both interchange ramps, as well as the long-term solution that will be identified in the IAMP refinement. ODOT supports the continuation of the collaborative process, currently underway, for the IAMP refinement.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this land use application. ODOT looks forward to working with the City to address these issues and the safety and functionality of the interchange. Please enter this letter into the record of the proceedings and provide me with a copy of the notice of decision.

Respectfully,

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