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Mayor Keefer and Mr. Hammond City of Boardman 200 City Center Circle Boardman, OR 97818

Dear Mayor Keefer and Mr. Hammond:

I am writing to you on behalf of The Loop Morrow County Public Transit to formally request that the City of Boardman and the City of Boardman Planning Commissioners to consider adopting the transit plans currently approved and implemented by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Morrow County, and Morrow County Public Transit, in collaboration with neighboring agencies, the Port of Morrow, and surrounding communities, as the foundational framework for their own Transit Plan.

The plans developed by ODOT, Morrow County, and Morrow County Public Transit, in conjunction with key stakeholders, reflect comprehensive research, analysis, and community input aimed at addressing the transportation needs and challenges within our region. By aligning with these established plans, the City of Boardman can leverage existing resources, maximize efficiency, and ensure seamless coordination with neighboring jurisdictions.

Furthermore, adopting these plans will not only facilitate integration and interoperability across transit systems but also foster greater connectivity, accessibility, and sustainability within our community. It is imperative that the City of Boardman takes proactive steps to synchronize its transit initiatives with broader regional strategies to achieve cohesive and impactful outcomes for our residents.

We firmly believe that by embracing the recommendations and strategies outlined in the ODOT, Morrow County, and Morrow County Public Transit plans, the City of Boardman can enhance mobility options, promote economic development, and improve the overall quality of life for its residents.

I respectfully request that the City of Boardman and the City of Boardman Planning Commissioners prioritize the adoption of these plans and incorporate them into the City's Transit Plan without delay.

Thank you for considering our request and giving the County the opportunity to collaborate with you on this critical endeavor.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jensen

County Administrator