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To Whom it May Concern:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the City of Sweet Home for the City's application for a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant.

The existing street network in North Sweet Home is incomplete and disconnected. A TGM grant will allow the city to update the Transportation System Plan (TSP) for the entire city and refine the land uses for development in the North Sweet Home area. The City of Sweet Home desires to take a comprehensive approach and recognizes the importance integration of land use planning and transportation planning. These plans would help improve the connections to North Sweet Home and create a connected multi-modal street network.

Access to North Sweet Home is restricted by the existing railroad track. The land use refinement plan and TSP will identify transportation system improvements that are needed to support anticipated growth. The plan would help create mixed use livable neighborhoods and employment centers that are integrated with the natural beauty of the area.

There are over 300 acres of undeveloped land in the area including the vacant mill site. The area is adjacent to South Santiam River, wildlife habitat, and has recreational potential.

The land use refinement plan will help create a mixed-use environment, connect neighborhoods, support economic development, and provide safe routes to school.

The potential for new neighborhoods makes North Sweet Home an attractive area to locate and invest. As the City of Sweet Home continues to grow, the North Sweet Home area will play an important role in accommodating industrial growth, future employers, and providing housing for residents.

Please join me in supporting the City of Sweet Home's efforts to update its Transportation System Plan and refine the land uses in the North Sweet Home area.

Sincerely,

Greg Mahler,  
Mayor