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Representative Paul Holvey
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Dear Gentleman:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss transportation issues, and for giving us an opportunity to update you about our work.

We are writing in support of a study of the Highway 126 corridor between Eugene and Veneta. At our last meeting on July 31, 2008, we were unanimously in favor of such a study, and believe that such an effort will bring needed resources and expertise to bear on this important transportation corridor.

We recommend that such a study look at multiple modes—highway, public transit and rail—and coordinate with other major transportation efforts in the vicinity. In particular, the City of Eugene is already undertaking the West 11th Avenue Corridor Study; Lane Transit District is looking to extend its EmX bus rapid transit system towards Green Hill Road; and the fate of the Central Oregon & Pacific (CORP) rail line is uncertain.

Note that by the end of this year we will be making recommendations to policy makers around the transportation, land use and natural systems in the west Eugene area. It is our hope that our ideas will clarify the choices our community faces in addressing traffic and related problems in west Eugene, and offer some significant new ideas for solutions. We look forward to your advice in the coming months as we refine these ideas.

Again, thank you for your time and efforts. Please let us know any ideas you have or how we might be able to further assist you.

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