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Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
635 Capitol St NE #150  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: City of Eugene application for CFEC Implementation Grant**

Dear DLCD review committee:

Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST) is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit organization that advocates for improved public transit, accessible bicycle infrastructure, safe streets, walkable neighborhoods, and other transportation options in our community.

We support the City of Eugene's application for the Urban Growth Strategies Project, which will identify the tools, actions, policies, and land needed for the next twenty years to support housing in Eugene, while also meeting our community's climate action goals.

We understand that housing and transportation are inextricably linked. The CFEC Implementation Grant represents an opportunity for Eugene to positively impact our community's housing landscape, reduce the climate impacts from transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, and achieve more fair and equitable outcomes. We particularly support the designation of Climate-Friendly Areas as a means to promote more compact and efficient development within the existing Urban Growth Boundary, as well as encouraging more walkable and connected neighborhoods.

Through the Urban Growth Strategies work, Eugene will complete an engagement-focused equity analysis to better understand the benefits and burdens of existing and new tools, actions, and policies on historically marginalized communities. BEST strongly believes in meaningful public involvement, particularly from historically marginalized communities. We commend the City's commitment to soliciting realistic and appropriate community engagement.

Thank you for considering our support for the City of Eugene's application. Please don't hesitate to reach out if any questions should arise.

For BEST,

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