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December 18, 2019

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey
600 NE Grand Ave.
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RE: Support for Oak Grove – Lake Oswego Bridge Project

Dear Councilor Stacey:

Our Neighborhood Association strongly supports the Oak Grove – Lake Oswego Pedestrian/Bicycle bridge project. This bridge would fill a gap in our transportation network and provide a far safer and easier route for people walking or bicycling between Lake Oswego and points north. It is just the sort of infrastructure vital to mitigating traffic congestion in this corridor by providing an alternative to driving. It is also an effective way to help people in our community choose healthier and safer transportation.

As you know, facilities for people to bicycle and walk are extremely cost-effective ways to improve our transportation network. Even when only a few percent of people switch from driving to biking or walking, the effect on peak congestion for drivers can be dramatic. Everyone benefits when we fill gaps in the bike-ped network.

Again, please support the Oak Grove - Lake Oswego bridge as a prudent and cost-effective investment in our transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,



President, SMILE Board of Directors

Motion approved, 6-1

Cc: Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President
Christine Lewis, Metro District 2 Councilor
Jim Benard, Clackamas County Chairman
Mark Gamba, Milwaukie Mayor
Stephen Williams, Project Manager