

MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
FROM: Dan Johnson, Director
RE: Sunrise Corridor Rock Creek Project Federal Grant Letter of Support
DATE: February 17, 2026

REQUEST: Approve a letter of support for DTD's application to the USDOT BUILD grant for the Sunrise Rock Creek Junction Reconfiguration Project.

BACKGROUND: One of the Board's key priorities over the last several decades has been advancing transportation infrastructure in the Sunrise Gateway Corridor. To support this long-term target and the Board's current strategic goal, DTD staff recently completed the Sunrise Corridor Community Vision Plan, which included significant community engagement to develop a Sunrise Community Coalition and a refinement plan divided into four stages. The Sunrise Rock Creek Junction Reconfiguration Project is Stage 2 of this plan.

This letter supports DTD's application for \$25 million via USDOT's BUILD grant program, which the BCC approved on the consent agenda of the Business Meeting on January 22, 2026. This Rock Creek Junction project advances work in the Sunrise Gateway Corridor by expanding the signalized intersection at Rock Creek Junction (Highway 212 and 224) and widening the existing bridge on Highway 212 west of the intersection. Securing this grant would directly address the BCC's strategic goal to have funding committed for the next phase of the Sunrise Gateway Corridor by 2030, which is the year when these grant funds will be obligated. Funding will be matched at 20% (\$5 million) from a combination of Development Agency, Road Fund, and local partner dollars (including \$1 million from the City of Happy Valley).

The grant application is due Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Approving this support letter will be key to DTD's application and will join letters from local, regional, and state partners along with local and state elected officials.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for the BUILD grant program.

Board of County Commissioners Letter

February 17, 2026

Secretary Sean Duffy
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to request your careful consideration of the County's application for \$25 million in FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program funding for the **Sunrise Corridor Rock Creek Junction Reconfiguration Project**. This critical project lies within the Sunrise Gateway Corridor and would expand the signalized intersection at Rock Creek Junction (OR Highway 212 and 224) and widen the existing bridge on OR Highway 212.

The Sunrise Gateway Corridor is adjacent to the City of Happy Valley, one of Oregon's fastest growing cities, and provides a vital route for freight, commuter, and recreational travel between the greater Portland region and Central and Eastern Oregon. It contains more than 7,600 residents, 700 businesses, and 14,000 employees. In 2021, Clackamas County advanced a state-funded Community Vision process that brought businesses and communities together to reimagine this area as a vibrant community hub with safer streets and thriving businesses. The work was done in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Metro, and the City of Happy Valley.

Securing funding for this project and the broader development of infrastructure within the Sunrise Gateway Corridor are together one of the top strategic goals for the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. Completion of this project would address significant congestion and safety issues at Rock Creek Junction and the first of four independent phases of the broader Sunrise Corridor refinement plan. Moreover, the current infrastructure cannot accommodate future growth and already has significant safety issues, as from 2018 to 2022, 122 crashes have been caused by congestion from this intersection. Lastly, this project will contribute to the region's potential for adding at least an additional 14,000 jobs and 43,000 residents by 2045.

As further detailed in our application, Clackamas County is wholly committed to seeing this project move forward and has pledged \$4 million in local funding to match a USDOT BUILD grant award, alongside an additional \$1 million pledged by the City of Happy Valley.

The Sunrise Corridor Rock Creek Junction Reconfiguration Project is an ideal candidate for BUILD grant funding, as its benefits will accrue to the entire region and serve one of the fastest-growing communities in the state. With significant stakeholder engagement, strong partnerships, and meaningful planning funds already supporting this project, we are confident that a BUILD grant award would deliver a great public project that is good for economic growth, community development, and enhanced safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Roberts, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners