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RE: Support SB 1021 – Interstate 5 Boone Bridge Project

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown, and Committee Members:

The Marion County Commissioners ask for your support of SB 1021 with the -1 amendments, which will direct the Department of Transportation to study design, cost and preliminary engineering of the Interstate 5 Boone Bridge project.

Daily heavy, peak-hour congestion is becoming longer as traffic volumes continue to increase with population growth. Alternate routes over the Willamette River are 28 miles away and not convenient for many. Everyone traveling this stretch of the interstate knows to plan for extra time getting through Wilsonville no matter what time of day they are traveling.

Interstate 5 is considered a critical route for Oregon emergency response. Seismic strengthening of Boone Bridge is imperative to ensure a functional bridge after a catastrophic earthquake.

Please support of SB 1021 with the -1 amendments.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cameron, Chair Sam Brentano, Vice Chair Colm Willis, Commissioner