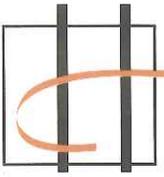


# **ENHANCE 150% LIST PUBLIC COMMENTS**

E11: US-26 CORNELIUS PASS RD TO NW 185<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

SUPPORTING COMMENTS



November 27, 2012

STIP Selection Committee  
c/o Jeff Flowers  
Program & Funding Service Manager  
ODOT Region 1  
123 NW Flanders St.  
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce urges your support for STIP funding to widen the Sunset Highway (US 26) by adding a third lane in each direction of travel between 185<sup>th</sup> and Cornelius Pass Road.

This project is essential to the regional and State economy. Hillsboro's North Industrial district is the heart of Oregon's high tech industry, an industry that provides tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. In a State that relies heavily on income tax revenues to support essential services, this project is ultimately about our State's overall fiscal health.

The Sunset Highway is a choke-point for new job growth in this area. Cornelius Pass Road in particular is the "front door" to Intel's Ronler Acres campus, Intel's flagship campus in Oregon and the heart of its R & D operations world-wide. In both the morning and evening commutes, traffic congestion on 26 results in lower productivity, delays in freight movement, and higher levels of air pollution as traffic stops and starts.

Without the widening project, Hillsboro's ability to attract new business in the North Industrial area will be seriously compromised. This will mean lost jobs and lost wages for our State, which desperately needs both. Please join us in providing essential State funding for this project that will help set the stage for our mutual economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

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Dear STIP Selection Committee:

Intel is concerned about the increasing traffic congestion on US 26 and its impact on local economic development. For this reason, Intel fully supports the application by the City of Hillsboro, Oregon for a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) "Enhance" Program grant to expand capacity on US 26 from Cornelius Pass Road to NW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

This four-lane segment of US 26, which serves as the main entry way into Hillsboro's high-tech employment and manufacturing area, is currently nearing its capacity. The congestion both impedes access to the existing businesses and generates uncertainty about future economic development in the area. Providing the needed capacity on US 26 would thus provide significant economic, livability, sustainability and safety benefits to the businesses in the area. In addition, the improvements proposed by this Project will encourage industrial development and thus the region's economic vitality. For these reasons we feel this Project is critical to our continued success and the well-being of new businesses moving into the area.

Intel currently employs over 17,000 employees at seven separate campuses in the Hillsboro area. As Oregon's largest private employer, Intel has enjoyed growth over the last few years, adding approximately 1,000 employees to our Hillsboro facilities in just the last year. We are in the process of building the most cutting-edge research and development facility, D1X, on our Ronler Acres campus, and have recently announced the construction of D1X-MOD2 on the same campus. Simultaneously, we are upgrading our two existing fabs located on the same campus, D1C and D1D. These projects at Ronler Acres campus will add thousands of construction trades jobs to the site. In addition to our 17,000 Intel jobs, we also have up to 17,000 contractors working at our campuses in Hillsboro and Aloha. These on-going contract positions provide installation and management of the tools in our factories, catering to our employees, and maintenance to our campuses.

Intel's concern for the mobility on US 26 not only centers on our employees' ability to access their workplace, but on Intel's ability to transport our products, which are delivered to the Portland International Airport to be exported to international markets. We support the US 26 widening and respectfully request that priority be placed on making these improvements. Thanks you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morgan Anderson".

Morgan Anderson  
Intel NW Region Government Affairs Manager