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Re: Connect Oregon Program Funding Request

The Board of County Commissioners urges you to fund the Port of Siuslaw Maple Street Landing and Transient Dock project. We support the Port's development efforts and recognize the Port as important to our state and local economy.

More specifically, Connect Oregon funding for Phase 1 of the project will enable Lane County to take a great step towards achieving Policy 17-C in our Transportation System Plan, which states "Lane County shall support Port of Siuslaw efforts to improve navigability of the river and promotion of the local fishing industry, consistent with state and local land use and zoning laws."

Restoring and preserving the waterfront infrastructure necessary for the transfer of commercial seafood products is critical to economic competitiveness of the local fishing industry. The Board of County Commissioners supported the Port's successful effort to secure a \$500,000 federal appropriation for this project, and we ask the Oregon Department of Transportation to now commit the necessary Connect Oregon funds to complete the project.

Respectfully,

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners