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Ms. Mary Rose Navarro

Metro

Natural Areas Program

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

600 NE Grand Avenue

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Dear Ms. Navarro:

I am writing this letter in support of a Metro Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grant to give eco-friendly enhancements to the area surrounding the new Park Avenue Light Rail Station and Park & Ride.

Oregonians hold a deep sense of pride in the natural beauty our state offers, and this proposal will capitalize on that rich beauty by integrating our thriving ecosystem with efficient transportation. A native planted wildlife buffer between the parking garage and the trolley trail, a "green" retaining wall that will run north to Milwaukie, a naturally cleaning storm water runoff, and commercial shops are some of the most impressive features of the proposal. These developments would be a valuable asset to Oak Grove and Jennings Lodge as the station could become a hub of community activity. Furthermore, it will set a positive and environmentally friendly example for future developments along McLoughlin Blvd. and elsewhere in northern Clackamas County.

Again, I strongly encourage the development of this parking structure and light rail terminus that I believe will be a beneficial and sustainable addition to our community. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office, (503) 986-1200, or e-mail at rep.davehunt@state.or.us.

Sincerely,

Dave Hunt

State Representative

Speaker of the House

