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Mayor Don Larson and Members of Seaside City Council
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Dear Mayor Larson,

Congratulations on the great progress you are making in the development of your Transportation System Plan as referenced in your recent letter. Your Council's commitment to supporting alternative modes, investing in your local street network, and increasing transit availability is integral to exploring creative approaches to address congestion.

We understand the seasonal nature of the highway congestion in Seaside and the community's desire to preserve the city's unique qualities that attract visitors from across the nation. As other destination communities in Oregon face similar challenges, it is in our interest to work together towards finding creative solutions for Highway 101 through Seaside. Other communities will be looking to our work in Seaside as a model for their communities.

Alternate mobility standards can be part of an approach to developing fundable solutions when it is combined with a local commitment of investing in the local transportation network, investing in alternate modes, access management techniques, and land use planning. We see through the TSP's draft recommendations that our two agencies are making progress in these areas. With limited transportation funding available, ODOT is supportive of exploring how alternative mobility standards together with land use changes and access management controls can lead to outcomes that are supported by local communities while maintaining safety and mobility on the highway.

ODOT is committed to continuing to work together with the City of Seaside through the Transportation System Plan process to explore how alternative mobility standards may be used as part of a package of solutions. I will ensure that the Region 2 Planning staff continues to represent ODOT in this work.

It is worthy of note that ODOT and the City of Seaside have the same goal of an adopted TSP at the local and state level. It is good to see us working toward this goal together.

Sincerely,

Jane Lee
ODOT Region 2 Manager