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Mayor Scott Keyser  
City of Molalla  
117 N. Molalla Avenue  
Molalla, Oregon 97038

Dear Mayor Keyser,

Thank you for reaching out to me directly to discuss the pavement condition of Highway 211. As I mentioned on the phone, after receiving your e-mail I contacted my District Manager, Will Ewing to get more information on the current situation. He and his team were aware of the potholes and his crews were out there three days this week filling them to address the immediate safety concerns you raised. I drove out there myself on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> and agree with my maintenance folks that it's no longer a safety issue, but certainly also agree with you that the pavement is in poor condition and more needs to be done.

First, the bad news. The paving project funds available to Region 1 through the 2021-2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) have already been allocated, and most have already been spent addressing roads around the Region that were in even worse shape than Highway 211. In addition, the pavement funding for Region 1 in the Draft 2024-2027 STIP is only enough money to get to one paving project during the three year period in all of Region 1 (Hood River, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties). While all of those funds are going to be spent in Clackamas, County on Highway 224, there simply isn't enough funding to get to all of our roads with poor pavement condition, like Hwy 211.

In addition to the funding problem, we're not legally allowed to pave Hwy 211 through town until the ADA ramps are completed, which is where we can transition to the first section of good news in the letter. Many of the ADA ramps in Molalla have already been upgraded, and as I was driving through town yesterday I saw another in the process of being poured. ODOT expects most, if not all, of the ADA ramps on Hwy 211 in Molalla to be completed by the end of this calendar year, which will make the road eligible for maintenance paving funds outside of the STIP.

So what can be done now? As we discussed on the phone, ODOT is committed to working with you to improve the pavement condition as soon as possible. This summer, ODOT crews will be paving some of the worst areas that are not restricted by our ADA process with maintenance funds. These areas include the travel lanes between Safeway and Hezzie Lane are on track to be paved in the next few months, likely late August or September when the weather is the best for paving. In addition, I promised to bring my District Maintenance Manager and come walk Highway 211 in Molalla with you in person later in July to review our progress on the ADA ramps and potentially identify opportunities to pave additional sections this summer. Depending on the progress of that ADA work, and funding availability, we may need to wait until next summer for some sections.

I truly appreciate you reaching out to me and for your partnership in communicating our plans to the community. It's important we continue to work together to seek funding for projects like the Toliver round-a-bout, the tractor supply developer funded improvements, the legislatively funded Hwy 211 Multi-Use Path and future funding for major pavement rehabilitation. We've seen success on projects like these working together and I look forward to continuing our successful partnership on behalf of the traveling public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rian Windsheimer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rian Windsheimer, ODOT Region 1 Manger