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Statement: Senators Burdick, Devlin applaud approval of Southwest Capitol Highway Project funds

Governor to sign HB 5006, which allots \$2 million to complete project

SALEM – Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, and Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, released the following statements today, applauding Gov. Kate Brown’s decision to allow funding for the Southwest Capitol Highway Project, which was included in House Bill 5006.

Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland:

“This is such an important project for our community, reducing traffic and promoting healthy, safe forms of transportation. I’d like to thank Governor Brown for allowing the funding to be allocated for the project. It will make a huge difference for the people living in those communities who choose to walk and bike for transportation. Without sidewalks and paths, that area is not safe for them. This project will improve walkability and bicycling opportunities, and quite possibly save lives.”

Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin:

“There was a thorough vetting process for this project, and it has a big impact in that neighborhood, affecting 30,000 to 40,000 people. I am grateful that Governor Brown has decided not to veto that portion of the bill, because it will be a big boost to quality of life in that part of the community, as well as provide safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. This has been a long process and I am glad to see that that we are finally ready to cross the finish line.”

Senators Burdick and Devlin represent Senate Districts 18 and 19, respectively, which both are bordered by Southwest Capitol Highway. As part of House Bill 5006, the Oregon Legislature

approved \$2 million to complete construction of sidewalks, bike lanes and streetscape improvements in Multnomah Village and Hillsdale in Southwest Portland. Governor Brown had considered vetoing funding for the project, but instead allowed it to move forward.

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