

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON

ORDER NO.

08-1-16-10

) IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTING TO THE
) OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
) TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) ON A STRAW
) PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTIONS TO THE 2008-
) 2011 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION
) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), AND ON
) COUNTYWIDE MODERNIZATION PROJECT
) PRIORITIES FOR THE 2010-2013 STIP

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2007, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requested input from the Lane County Board of Commissioners on Proposed Reductions to Region 2 Modernization Projects in the 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission on November 14, 2007, in order to address unanticipated funding shortfalls ("Task 1"); and

WHEREAS, ODOT has also requested preliminary input from the Lane County Board of Commissioners on the Region 2 Modernization Proposal for Priority Projects in the 2010-2013 STIP ("Task 2"); and

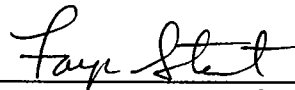
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on January 16, 2008 to accept public comment on these two Tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to endorse the Region 2 "Task 1" proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to forward the countywide preliminary modernization priorities for Lane County as shown in Exhibit A for "Task 2", now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that a comment letter in substantial conformance to the letter attached herein as Exhibit A be sent to the ODOT Region 2 Planning and Development Review Manager for consideration.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2008.



, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 1-7-2008 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Exhibit A

January 16, 2008

Mr. Eric Havig, Planning and Development Manager
Oregon Department of Transportation
Region 2 Headquarters
455 Airport Road SE, Building B
Salem, OR 97301-5395

Dear Mr. Havig,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft ODOT Region 2 Modernization straw proposal as mailed with Mr. Scheick's letter of November 21, 2007, and for the opportunity to comment on preliminary priorities for the 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Lane County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing today and discussed the Region 2 proposal for Tasks 1 as well as preliminary priorities given funding available under Task 2, as identified in Mr. Scheick's November 30, 2007 letter.

Of course, Lane County would like to see more funding for the projects in Lane County and around the region. However, given the limited amount of Modernization funding available statewide and for Region 2, the proposal for reductions is the best course of action in our view.

To summarize, Lane County is in support of the following proposal. We look forward to working with our regional partners on ODOT STIP projects in the future.

The two projects and amounts proposed for reduction are:

I-5/Coburg Interchange	\$3.4 million, construction
Beltline/River Road to Coburg Road Study	\$2.5 million, pre-construction environmental study (development)

Task 1: *Support the ODOT proposed reductions as shown above*

Task 2: *The following 2010-2013 STIP ODOT Modernization Project Priorities*

- 1. Backfill the OR 569 (Beltline Highway) environmental study work* *\$2.5 million*

- 2.a. Backfill the Interstate 5 at Coburg Interchange for the acquisition of right-of-way or other project needs as scoped in an adopted phased strategy* *\$3.4 million*

- 2.b. Provide funding to cover construction costs in excess of the current budget, for the Interstate 5 at Beltline project* *\$3.4 million*

Sincerely,

Chair