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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER

09-11-24-8

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING THE PORT OF COOS BAY
BE AWARDED GRANT FUNDING FROM OREGON CONNECT III
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COOS BAY RAIL LINK**

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners maintains positive relationships with its intergovernmental partners; and,

WHEREAS, the Coos Bay Rail Link is a short line railroad connecting the southern Willamette Valley with the Port of Coos Bay; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Coos Bay acquired the short line in fall, 2008, and is currently seeking funding to return the line to operational status; and,

WHEREAS, the line passes through several incorporated cities within Lane County, and abuts one Lane County Park as well as several properties otherwise owned by Lane County; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the unique importance the return to operational status will have to the central coast and the southern Willamette Valley; and,

WHEREAS, Oregon's legislature has allocated \$100 million for freight mobility and transit improvements that the Oregon Department of Transportation will distribute across the State through a structured process formally referred to as Oregon Connect III.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lane County Board of County Commissioners supports the Port of Coos Bay's application to the State of Oregon for Connect III funding which, if awarded, will provide for repairs to the Coos Bay Rail Link such that it will become operational, and hereby states this support through a letter (draft attached) it will send to the State.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2009



Pete Sorenson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 11/24/09 Lane County



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