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To: Chair Diane Linn
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffy ✓

From: Mayor Chuck Becker *CJB*

Subject: Multnomah County Transportation Study

The Gresham City Council has participated in a policy development workshop and reviewed the Roads Study initiated by Multnomah County and conducted by Vic Rhodes Consulting. We are in general agreement regarding the concepts and recommendations that have been presented and would strongly encourage the Board to move forward soon with implementation.

The recommended option appears to address the majority of the issues and concerns raised by the stakeholders. More specifically, those critical transportation issues regarding maintenance, accountability, fiscal impacts, and facilitation of the regional decision-making process are addressed.

We believe an important next step in this process is to commit to the concept of local ownership and transfer of roads as recommended in the study report. To that end, the City of Gresham requests the County Commission direct their consultant to draft a Resolution that would state the intent of the County to transfer roads to those jurisdictions who wish to exercise this option and begin Phase II. With agreement on the transfer concepts, we can then work cooperatively together on the Phase II study that will work through the details of transfer responsibilities. Gresham, its businesses and

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citizens, are committed to the concept of a local ownership option, and will work with the County and other East County cities to work through the details necessary to develop and execute a transfer resolution.

We appreciate the thoroughness of the consultant study and the fact that it brought all the East County cities into the decision-making process. Please advise me at your earliest convenience if this is an agreeable approach, and propose a timeline for moving forward.

CJB:dr

cc: Gresham City Council
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Paul Thalsofer - Mayor of Troutdale
David M. Fuller - Mayor of Wood Village

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