

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Supporting the Development of a        )  
Regionally Coordinated                )        **RESOLUTION**  
Transportation Funding Proposal for )        **97-152**  
Consideration by the Voters            )

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan area has been growing at a very rapid rate, and the growth is placing significant demands on the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, maintenance and improvement to the State and local road and bridge system is vital to the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, current federal, State and local highway revenues are inadequate to fund timely maintenance and improvements to the State highway system and inadequate to fund maintenance and improvements to the City/County road system; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has identified through its Capital Improvement Plan a 20 year need of \$250 million for major electrical, mechanical and structural repairs and some seismic upgrades on the Willamette River bridges with known revenue estimates of only \$46 million; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has identified through its Capital Improvement Plan a need of \$111.6 million in 1995 dollars for priority 1, 2, and 3 projects, with priority 1 projects totaling \$48.3 million alone, on major arterial throughout Multnomah County with known revenues estimate for 1996-2000 of only \$20 million; and

WHEREAS, the region's economy and national and international trade is dependent on the movement of freight to Port facilities and improvements are necessary to provide access; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing maintenance and improvements of roads and bridges are necessary to implement local comprehensive plans, to continue economic growth, to alleviate existing transportation problems, and to maintain the livability of the region; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand transit in East Multnomah County suburban areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to fund transit services for the elderly and disabled citizens of Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, identifying and securing adequate funds must occur if the improvements are to be made within the needed time-frame; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) developed the Community Road and Bridge program to meet regional funding needs and at the request of the Governor did not refer the measure to the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Kitzhaber launched his Oregon Transportation Initiative (OTI) in 1996 to assess the transportation needs of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the State transportation funding package failed during the 1997 Legislative session providing local governments with no new funds to meet the increasing transportation needs; now, therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners supports the development of a regionally coordinated transportation finance package for consideration by the voters.

APPROVED this 31st day of July, 1997.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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