

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-029

Supporting Measure 82 (House Bill 2082), Transportation Funding Legislation

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. In 1999, the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office reported that the unmet road needs of the state, counties and cities are projected to be \$937 million in the 1999-2001 biennium.
- b. The Fiscal Office reported that counties' share of the projected total need is expected to exceed \$528 million in the biennium.
- c. Counties have lost \$63 million a year in shared federal forest revenues since 1990.
- d. Counties have sustained significant flood damage in recent years, creating an unanticipated impact to their road fund budgets of more than \$15 million after applying federal emergency relief funds.
- e. More than half of Oregon's 36 counties have fewer road fund dollars today than they did in 1990.
- f. The 1999 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2082 to help reduce Oregon's road fund shortfall by:
 - Providing \$600 million in funding for state highway modernization projects over the next six year,
 - Increasing funding to counties by \$44 million during the 1999-01 biennium,
 - Increasing revenues to cities by \$30 million during the biennium,
 - Allocating \$3 million to eastern Oregon counties most severely impacted by the loss of federal forest revenues,
 - Earmarking \$3 million for an Oregon Disaster Relief Fund,
 - Increasing special funding to small counties and small cities by \$1.75 million.
- g. Multnomah County has unmet road project needs totaling \$7.8 million over the next 4 years.

- h. Priority projects for additional funding in Multnomah County are those that address the most pressing maintenance, preservation, and safety needs of county roadways.
- i. HB 2082 has been referred to the voters at the May 2000 Primary Election by referendum petition and will be Measure 82 on the ballot.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners resolves:

- 1. To support passage of Measure 82 at the May 2000 Primary Election as an important step to reduce the funding needs for Oregon's state highways, county roads, and city streets.

ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2000.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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