

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION  
NO: 17-02-07-04

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF A  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE  
TO BE PASSED BY THE 79<sup>TH</sup> OREGON  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that transportation maintenance, operations, capital construction and roadway safety is a key responsibility of County governments across Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, Lane County's Road Fund was once the largest recipient of shared revenues from the United States National Forest system in the entirety of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, federal timber harvests declined precipitously between 1986 and 2016, and federal revenue replacement policies have now fully expired; and

**WHEREAS**, Lane County voters rejected a local Vehicle Registration Fee with revenues dedicated for road safety and maintenance activities in May, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners understands that transportation partnerships with State and City government are necessary to ensure connectivity for all Oregonians and visitors to safely enjoy our unique state; and

**WHEREAS**, investment in transportation infrastructure results in near term job creation in the construction sector and long term job attraction via the addition of system capacity to accommodate economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, time is the enemy of a deteriorating infrastructure as deferred and forgone maintenance result in exponential and inevitable cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative adjustments in transportation funding are infrequent and the buying power of prior adjustments in revenue are eventually eroded via inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon State Highway Fund mechanism for distributing funds to the State, Cities, and Counties is established, fair, and preferred by industry stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. That Lane County supports the effort of the State to establish a package of state policies, together referred to as the "transportation package", and this effort is a Lane County top tier legislative priority; and
2. That Lane County offers its support of the Legislature's raising transportation related fees and taxes in order to maintain and preserve Oregon's statewide transportation system.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



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Pat Farr, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date: 2-7-17



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LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL