

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON

ORDER NO.
08-4-30-10

-) In the Matter of Commenting to the Oregon
-) Department of Transportation (ODOT) on Area 5
-) "Straw Proposal" priorities for the 2010-2013 and
-) 2010-2015 Statewide Transportation
-) Improvement Program (STIP)

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2007, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requested input from the Lane County Board of Commissioners on Preliminary Project Priorities for the 2010-2013 STIP ("Task 2") and for the 2010-2015, 2-cycle STIP given a large funding package ("Task 3"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on January 16, 2008 to accept public comment on Task 2, submitting preliminary priorities to ODOT after adopting Board Order 08-1-16-10; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2008, ODOT responded with a potential 2010-2013 STIP (Task 2) prioritized list for further Board consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on February 20, 2008 to accept public comment on Task 3, submitting preliminary priorities to ODOT after adopting Board Order 08-2-20-12; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2008, ODOT responded with a potential 2010-2015 STIP (Task 3) prioritized list for further Board consideration; and

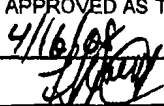
WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on April 30, 2008 on both prioritized lists described above, and wishes to provide additional comment as shown in Exhibit A, now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that a comment letter in substantial conformance to the letter attached herein as Exhibit A be sent to ODOT Region 2 for consideration.

Dated this 30 day of April, 2008.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 4/16/08 Lane County


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April 30, 2008

Ms. Dee Jones, Interim ODOT Region 2 Manager
 c/o Mr. Eric Havig, Planning and Development Manager
 Oregon Department of Transportation
 Region 2 Headquarters
 455 Airport Road SE, Building B
 Salem, OR 97301-5395

Dear Ms. Jones,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft ODOT Region 2 Modernization straw proposals as described in your February 6 and March 11, 2008 correspondence for the respective 2010-2013 ("Task 2") and 2010-2015 ("Task 3") STIP cycles. The Lane County Board of Commissioners held public hearings on January 16, February 20, and April 30 on these items.

Lane County is responding with unanimous support for the following proposal.

STIP 2010-2013

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| 1. Beltline/River Rd. to Coburg Rd. - NEPA environmental study work | \$2.5 million |
| 2. I-5/Coburg Interchange, <i>but in no case should additional funds allocated to this project be at the expense of the Beltline study</i> | \$1.6 million |

STIP 2010-2015

Construction (C-STIP)

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| 1. I-5 @ Beltline | \$25.0 million |
| 2. Gateway/Beltline: International Way to Postal Way - <i>with the caveat that the additional requested \$5 million for the combined I-5/Beltline and Gateway/Beltline projects should not place funding for other priority projects at risk.</i> | \$15.0 million |
| 3. I-5/Coburg Phase II | \$19.5 million |
| 4. Beltline/River Rd. to Coburg Rd. | \$15.0 million |
| Total | \$74.5 million |

Development (D-STIP)

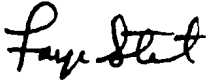
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| 5. Highway 126W/Veneta to Fisher Rd. - <i>In no case should this project be prioritized ahead of work on, or NEPA Study money, for the Beltline Corridor/River Rd. to Coburg Rd. project</i> | Cost To Be Determined |
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In letters dated April 10, 2008, the Metropolitan Policy Committee for Area 5 provided reasoning for the MPO area priorities. We unanimously support the MPC requests and justifications.

The Board of Commissioners also supports re-inclusion of the D-STIP project shown above. We think ODOT Area 5 staff would agree how important this project is to the Region. The Highway 126 West corridor is an important regional highway serving freight and the transport of services and people between Highway 101 at the Coast, Florence, Veneta, and other small communities, and the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. As such it is critically important to the statewide economy.

We look forward to working with our regional partners on ODOT STIP projects in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faye Stewart".

Faye Stewart
Chair