

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE IN THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CROOK, DESCHUTES AND JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY COUNCILS OF BEND, REDMOND, PRINEVILLE, MADRAS, SISTERS, LA PINE, CULVER AND METOLIUS.

WHEREAS, the need for increased funding to address transportation maintenance, operations, capital construction and safety exists within every City and County in Central Oregon; and

WHEREAS, significant growth in traffic volume has exacerbated congestion and the need for safety and capacity improvements on the state highway systems connecting our communities; 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, local funding options are complex and difficult to gain voter approval, yet the State Highway Fund mechanism is established, fair, and preferred by industry stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act is set to expire, leaving a significant funding void in county road programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and Counties of Central Oregon recognize that increased funding to meet these needs will require the development of new revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, preparation for natural disasters and emergency response is not exclusive to western Oregon communities; Central Oregon cities and counties will play an important role in the recovery of Oregon from the Cascadia event; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CITY COUNCILS IN THE COUNTIES OF CROOK, DESCHUTES AND JEFFERSON, OREGON, as follows:

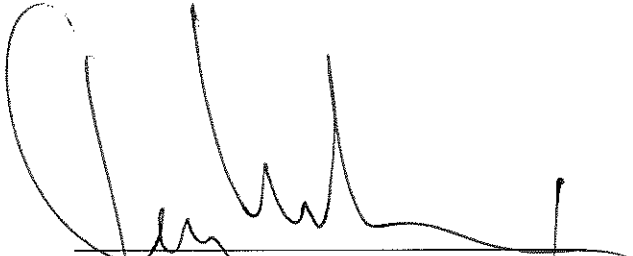
Section 1. The signatories to this Resolution strongly support development of a Transportation Funding Package in the 2017 Legislative Session to generate needed revenue to invest in the maintenance, operation, capital construction, and safety of our transportation systems.

Section 2. The signatories to this Resolution support and encourage participation of our legislative delegation in helping develop and pass a Transportation Funding Package.

Section 3. The signatories to this Resolution pledge support to our legislative delegation's efforts and vote to pass a Transportation Funding Package.

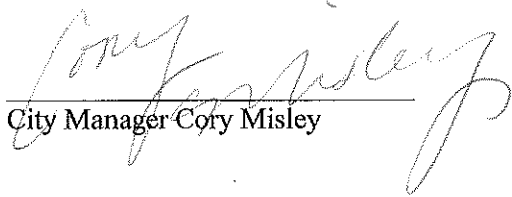
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Council on September 14, 2016.



Mayor Ken Mullenex

attest



City Manager Cory Misley