

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving a Resolution )  
in Support of a Transportation Funding ) RESOLUTION NO. 21-2017  
Package in the 2017 Legislative Session )

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

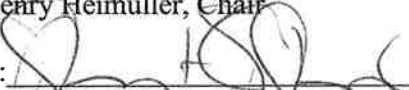
WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have created the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization to develop a transportation funding package for the 2017 legislative session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbia County Board of Commissioners supports passage of a substantial transportation package by the 2017 Legislature in order to maintain and preserve Oregon's statewide transportation system.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Henry Heimuller, Chair

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