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October 23, 2018

Clackamas County  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**RE: Clackamas County Vehicle Registration Fee**

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Estacada, we ask that Clackamas County place the question of imposing a countywide vehicle registration fee (VRF) on a ballot for voter consideration. A VRF would provide the cities and county with additional resources to address congestion, safety and maintenance needs on our roads.

Clackamas County is the only one of the three Portland metropolitan area counties that has no local source of transportation revenue. As we have discussed at the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4), new, stable and locally controlled revenue will help the county and cities promote local values such as addressing maintenance needs on aging roadways and will support opportunities for new projects needed to keep traffic moving reliably and safely throughout our growing region. Additionally, proposals at C4 to create a strategic investments fund from potential county VRF revenue offers a new tool to promote cross jurisdictional coordination to meet our mutual congestion relief and maintenance objectives.

If the VRF was approved by voters the City of Estacada would use the new revenue for street maintenance, the installation of ADA crossings and sidewalks, crack sealing projects, and for construction of projects listed in our Transportation Master Plan. The money may also be used for matching grant funds that become available for various projects.

Sincerely,



Sean Drinkwine  
Mayor