



Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045

January 8, 2019

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed County-wide Vehicle Registration Fee

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

On January 7, 2019, the Wilsonville City Council voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the Board of County Commissioners to implement a county-wide vehicle registration fee (VRF) via ordinance or referral. The proposed \$30 annual VRF would provide the cities and county with greater ability and additional resources to address traffic congestion, public safety and crucial maintenance needs on our roadways.

We note that Clackamas County is the only one of the three Portland metropolitan-area counties that has no local source of transportation funding. As elected officials have discussed at the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) since 2010, a new, stable and locally controlled revenue source can help the county and cities promote community values such as addressing maintenance needs on aging roadways, and provide opportunities for new projects needed to keep traffic moving reliably and safely throughout our growing region. We strongly recommend that the County focus resources on road maintenance/preservation.

The City Council commends the Board of County Commissioners for adopting a C4 proposal to create a strategic investment fund from potential county VRF revenue that offers a new tool to promote cross-jurisdictional coordination to meet our mutual congestion relief and road maintenance objectives. As has been noted at C4, county transportation facilities located in the "urban/rural interface" are often deficient in terms of safety and efficient mobility.

As a growing community, Wilsonville could use new revenue from a VRF to advance more timely a number of high-priority transportation improvements in our Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). Examples of such projects include important ADA street-sidewalk ramp upgrades and improved pedestrian street-crossings, as well as key capacity and safety improvements along Brown Road from Villebois to Old Town and on Boeckman Road.

We recognize and appreciate that advancing local funding initiatives can be a challenge; however, to maintain our shared quality of life, protect public safety and preserve roadways that are conducive to the conduct of commerce, new locally controlled revenues are required. Thank you for your leadership to keep Clackamas County moving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville City Council