

December 7, 2018

Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Support for Clackamas County to enact a Vehicle Registration Fee

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Milwaukie, we support Clackamas County's proposal to enact a countywide vehicle registration fee (VRF). Such a fee would provide 40 percent of the revenue to Clackamas County cities which would help Milwaukie address safety and maintenance needs on our roads.

We know that a new, stable and locally controlled revenue will help the County and cities address maintenance needs on aging roadways and help deliver some of the larger-scale projects our residents need to keep moving. We support the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee's proposal for a \$30 fee which will generate revenue split between the County (60%) and cities (40%). We also support the concept of a strategic investment fund of 10% which will come from the County's share of the funds. The additional \$414,000 per year in funding from the VRF that will come directly Milwaukie will help us build more sidewalks and safe crossings.

One of the most substantial impacts such funding could have is to the City's paving program. At present, the City's Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) largely focuses on our major streets and even with that focus, much of our major street network remains in need of repair due to cost. With additional funding we can make smart investments in both our major and residential street network to provide a smoother ride for all users and forestall major repair and maintenance costs.



We recognize and appreciate that passage of a local funding ordinance can be a challenge, but it is also necessary to respond to countywide needs such as deteriorating roads and ever-increasing commute times. We support Clackamas County making a bold decision today to address local funding needs through passage of a VRF by ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Gamba', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Gamba

Mayor of Milwaukie