

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

05-6-1-2

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING UP
TO \$272,000 FROM 2004 AND 2005
FEDERAL SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)
FUNDS FOR THE REHABILITATION
OF LOWELL COVERED BRIDGE AND
CONSTRUCTION OF AN
INTERPRETATIVE SITE AND
AMENDING THE FY06-FY10 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Lane County has secured \$1,776,000 in grants from Federal Highway Administration funds for the rehabilitation of the Lowell Covered Bridge and construction of an interpretative site; and,

WHEREAS, through Order 02-11-13-01 and Order 04-9-22-5 the Board of Commissioners authorized the use of \$1,030,000 from its allocation of federal Surface Transportation Program funds for the project; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT opened bids on April 28th, 2005 and the low bid by 2G Construction exceeded the engineers estimate; and,

WHEREAS, when a 3.5% contingency, anticipated engineering costs and ODOT administration costs were added to the low bid, the cost of construction exceeded the available funding for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division and ODOT have offered a total of \$285,891 in additional federal funding for the project; and,

WHEREAS, OBEC Consulting Engineers has offered to lower its construction engineering fees by \$100,000 to reduce project costs; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining anticipated funding shortfall for the project is approximately \$272,000; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT must have a funding commitment sufficient to cover all anticipated expenses prior to awarding the construction contract to 2G; and,

WHEREAS, following award, ODOT can make changes to the contract that could potentially reduce the actual funding shortfall from \$272,000 to approximately \$60,000; and,

WHEREAS, funding commitments notwithstanding, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) could choose to reject all bids and rebid the project in the Fall

of 2005; NOW

BE IT ORDERED that \$272,000 from Lane County's 2004 and 2005 STP allocation be authorized for use on the Lowell Covered Bridge Interpretative Site, and the FY06 to FY10 Capital Improvement Program be amended accordingly; and, BE IT

FURTHER ORDERED that County staff work with partner agencies to seek ways to reduce the County's additional obligation; and, BE IT

FURTHER ORDERED that a letter be sent to the OTC supporting award of a contract to 2G Construction for construction of the project, rather than rejecting all bids.

DATED this 1st day of June 2005


Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 5-24-05 lane county


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL