

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON

ORDER NO.) IN THE MATTER OF ENDORSING PROJECT
07-10-31-9) APPLICATIONS FOR CONNECTOREGON II

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has created an application process for the ConnectOregon II program, a \$100 million program to invest in air, rail, marine, and transit infrastructure to ensure Oregon's transportation system is strong, diverse, and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners held a work session on October 31, 2007 to discuss ConnectOregon II application review steps; and

WHEREAS, applicants in Lane County outside of the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning (MPO) Area have requested letters of support from the Board of County Commissioners for the application process; and

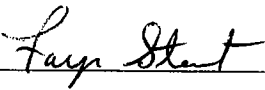
WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Policy Committee, including the Board of Commissioners' representation, has unanimously supported providing a letter of support for a project within the MPO Area that requested support from the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to show support for all applicants in Lane County that request it by endorsing their projects in writing, so that they may compete for funding in the ConnectOregon II program; and

WHEREAS, the Board will have another opportunity later in the process to comment further on Lane County area projects and their relative priority; now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign four letters of support in substantially the form of the copies which are attached as Exhibit A to this Order for the projects represented in the attached letters and described in the requests for endorsements.

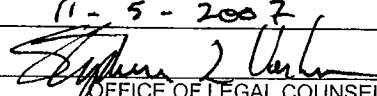
Dated this 31st day of ~~November~~^{OCTOBER}, 2007.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 11-5-2007 Lane County



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL



Lane County Board of Commissioners

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Bill Dwyer
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October 31, 2007

Ms. Shelley Humble, Manager
Creswell Hobby Field Airport
P.O. Box 276
Creswell, OR 97426

Dear Ms. Humble:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners extends our wholehearted support for the Fire Suppression Project proposal for the Creswell Hobby Field Airport. We agree that the airport plays an important role in the growth and well-being of our community, and there is a critical need for this project.

Creswell Hobby Field Airport is categorized as a Community General Aviation Airport and is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). As such Creswell's airport is a significant component in the statewide transportation system and an important player in the City's and County's economy. We understand that the lack of fire suppression at the airport has been an ongoing critical concern for the past several years, resulting in a building and development moratorium at the airport. The grant will help resolve this matter and provide improved fire protection services to the airport and surrounding related airport operations including planes, hangars and other facilities.

The Creswell Hobby Field Airport is minutes from Interstate 5, the primary north-south highway corridor in the western United States. The nearby, nationally ranked Emerald Valley Golf Resort creates multiple opportunities for business expansion. Adding facilities to the airport would allow the resort to provide air travel accommodations for its guests. One of Creswell's other major employers also brings in executives and other employees for regional meetings and trainings. It is anticipated that other economic contributions will result from development of airport facilities, especially given the significant growth the City of Creswell has lately been experiencing.

Our Board has shown recognition in the past for the importance of this project, by co-adopting an expansion to the City's urban growth boundary thereby taking the necessary steps to address state land use law requirements. The City has demonstrated planning and foresight in moving toward readiness for implementation once a funding source is identified.

The Creswell Airport is an important transportation connection for Lane County, and will be an increasingly significant link if this project is funded. Please include this letter of support in your application for ConnectOregon II funding.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners



Lane County Board of Commissioners

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November 5, 2007

Ms. Angel Jones
Eugene City Manager pro tem
777 Pearl St., Room 105
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter of support is provided by the Lane County Board of Commissioners to endorse the City of Eugene's application for ConnectOregon II funding, for improvements to the Eugene Passenger Rail Depot. We are pleased to endorse this project.

This proposal is the second phase of improvements to the Eugene Depot, a multi-modal transportation hub that serves Lane County citizens. The Depot is recognized as the southern terminus of Amtrak's high-speed rail system, which extends north to Vancouver, B.C. On site improvements would improve circulation allowing transit, taxi, private vehicles and pedestrians to interact more safely and efficiently. These improvements will make the Depot and use of rail more attractive as an alternative mode to motor vehicles for intra- and interstate travel.

The City of Eugene is to be commended for assembling most of the needed financing for this project from SAFETEA-LU transportation funds. Moreover the City has obtained necessary approvals from ODOT and FHWA and anticipates readiness to construct by mid 2009.

The Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of support for ConnectOregon II funding.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners