

PASSED

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 10-8-18-9 ) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING SB 1059 AND  
 ) HB 2001 FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
 ) REDUCTION

WHEREAS, Lane County recognizes that global climate change is occurring in large part due to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and that the impact of climate change on Lane County residents and the County's rich natural resources, wildlife, farms and forests, water quality and quantity, and built environment could be profound and adverse; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the State of Oregon House Bill 3543 established state-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals to begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, to achieve greenhouse gas levels 10% less than 1990 levels by 2020 and to achieve greenhouse gas levels 75% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the most cost effective and long lasting method to reduce transportation related greenhouse gases, and to have significant co-benefits on individual health, economic well-being, and government spending, it through integrating land use and transportation to reduce individual driving, also known as reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT); and

WHEREAS, the scenario planning, selection, and implementation process outlined in SB 1059 and the MPO Task Force Report, undertaken with significant and meaningful public involvement, is the best way to achieve VMT reduction, and hence GHG reduction, in the Central Lane MPO region and throughout the County and region;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Lane County supports the scenario planning process described in Senate Bill 1059 and House Bill 2001, and as sufficient state and federal funding is available (matching funds excluded), will provide the technical and staffing support necessary for the products described in those two bills. Lane County will work closely with the Central Lane MPO in doing this, and will ensure that the scenario planning includes a thorough analysis of rural and outlying community development patterns.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that Lane County herby commits to effective implementation of the chosen GHG emission reduction scenario.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that Lane County supports achieving the requirement of House Bill 2001 and Senate Bill 1059 on or before the dates provided in that legislation, and will work with the Central Lane MPO and other local cities and governments to do so.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that Lane County recognizes that in order to positively impact global climate change, local and regional efforts to reduce GHG emissions must be accompanied by similar efforts on a national and international level.

EFFECTIVE DATE this 18th day of August, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
8-26-2010  
*Stephen J. Washburn*  
CLERK OF LEGAL COUNSEL

*William A. Fleenor*  
William Fleenor, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners