

PASSED

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

ORDER NO.

00-6-27-19

- ) IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTING ON
- ) STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION
- ) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)
- ) PROGRAM PRIORITIES TO THE
- ) OREGON TRANSPORTATION
- ) COMMISSION (OTC)

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation has requested input from local governments on program priorities for the 2002-2005 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and representatives of the cities in Lane County and Lane Transit District participated in a worksession on June 7, 2000 and the ODOT Region 2 Manager requested local input on a series of questions related to ODOT STIP budget priorities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners sent a letter to the cities and LTD on June 8, 2000 requesting comments on the ODOT program questions;

WHEREAS, the Lane Board of County Commissioners discussed this matter at their meeting on June 28, 2000 and has considered the comments of the cities in Lane County and the Lane Transit District in formulating a response to the Oregon Transportation Commission;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to send a letter expressing a consolidated response on STIP program priority issues to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC); now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the attached letter be signed by the Board Chair and sent to the ODOT Region 2 Manager for consideration.

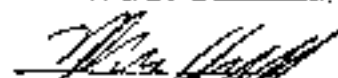
Dated this 28th day of June, 2000.



Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 6-27-00 Lane County

  
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# Lane County Board of Commissioners

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June 28, 2000

Mr. Gary Johnson, ODOT Region 2 Manager  
455 Airport Road SE, Bldg. B  
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Subject: Lane County Comments on ODOT STIP Program Priorities

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your attendance at our June 7, 2000 work session to discuss project priority setting and other issues related to development of the 2002-2005 STIP. At that meeting, you handed out materials related to potential program priority-setting in preparation for setting program funding levels in the STIP update. We sent a letter to all the cities in Lane County and Lane Transit District following the meeting.

The Board did not meet the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>, so we were unable to consider comments in time for the special OTC meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We understand that these written comments will be provided to the OTC for their consideration in making the difficult decisions on these issues at their July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In reviewing the responses of local agencies and considering the comments of the Lane Board of Commissioners, we offer the following summary:

1. There is a general consensus that safety, preservation, and bridge should remain a central priority for ODOT when considering funding in the STIP.
2. There are differences among local agencies that depend on local circumstances. For example, the city of Florence ranks Slides/Rockfalls as the most important. This is certainly logical given the coastal experience with slides last winter. Lane Transit District ranks Transportation Demand Management (TDM) as most important. Again, this is logical given their role as the TDM service provider locally.
3. Signals/Signs, Slides/Rockfalls, and Local Enhancements generally rank high among local agencies. This reflects a "bricks and mortar" orientation locally that is consistent with the statewide emphasis on maintenance and preservation.
4. Generally, the consensus rankings put Modernization, TGM, Elderly and Disabled Transportation, and the IOF program in the mid-range. There seems to be a sentiment among cities that there is a pressing need to plan for the growth in cities that is occurring and to fund planning programs and funding programs that plan and build projects to respond to the demands of increasing populations in urban areas.