

RESOLUTION NO. 1309

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE IN THE 2017 OREGON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the need for increased funding to address transportation maintenance, operations, capital construction, and safety exits within Prineville and every other city and county in Central Oregon; and

WHEREAS, significant growth in traffic volume has exacerbated congestion and the need for safety and capacity improvements on the state highway systems connecting our communities; and

WHEREAS, investment in transportation infrastructure results in near term job creation in the construction sector and long term job attraction via the addition of system capacity to accommodate economic development; and

WHEREAS, time is the enemy of a deteriorating infrastructure as deferred and forgone maintenance result in exponential and inevitable cost increases; and

WHEREAS, legislative adjustments in transportation funding are infrequent and the buying power of prior adjustments in revenue are eventually eroded via inflation; and

WHEREAS, local funding options are complex and difficult to gain voter approval, yet the State Highway Fund mechanism is established, fair, and preferred by industry stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Discrimination Act is set to expire, leaving a significant funding void in county road programs; and

WHEREAS, preparation for natural disasters and emergency response is not exclusive to Western Oregon communities; Central Oregon cities and counties will play an important role in recovery of Oregon from the Cascadia event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville and other cities and counties of Central Oregon recognize that increased funding to meet these needs will require the development of new revenue sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Prineville resolves as follows:

1. The City of Prineville strongly supports development of a Transportation Funding Package in the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session to generate needed revenue to invest in the maintenance, operation, capital construction, and safety of our transportation systems.
2. The City of Prineville supports and encourages participation of our legislative delegation in helping develop and pass a Transportation Funding Package.
3. The City of Prineville pledges support to our legislative delegation's efforts and votes to pass a Transportation Funding Package.

4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of January, 2017.

Betty J. Roppe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Morgan, City Recorder