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To: Mayors and Council Members of Cities in Clackamas County
cc: City Managers, Clackamas County Commissioners

We want to update you on yesterday's Board of County Commissioners policy session on the fuel tax measure proposed for the November ballot. As noted last week, the IGA between the county and cities about sharing revenues and the timing of next steps was on the agenda.

In yesterday's session, the board discussed how valuable city support and a united front will be to the measure. In order to show that commitment and united front to the public and in the voter's pamphlet, the Board agreed that signed IGAs and city resolutions supporting the fuel tax measure must be complete by September 1.

This is a tight timeframe, but after recent discussions, we hope the decision to support the measure will not require extensive time or resources on your part. If there is any additional information we can provide, please let us know.

While we hope all cities in the county engage fully in the effort to educate the community about the need for this funding, the IGA simply calls for a city resolution formally supporting the ballot measure, and a statement of cooperation with the overall goals of the joint effort.

In the policy session yesterday, the board agreed to move forward with the cities that have signed on by September 1 and divide the 40% allocation for cities among those cities. If for some reason a city does not support this funding request, they may opt out. Should some cities decide not to participate, the 40% will be apportioned by population among those cities that are participating.

This is the first time in many years that we have been this close to a county-wide funding solution to the long-standing road maintenance problem. We look forward to working with you, and we are hopeful that through this cooperative effort we will all receive much-needed revenue to benefit the road system throughout Clackamas County and its cities.

Barb Cartmill will be in touch with your city manager in the coming days to answer any questions you may have, see what additional assistance you may need from us and get the name of the public outreach contact for your city.

Thank you.

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