



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING

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August 9, 2016

Mayors and City Council Members
Clackamas County Cities

Re: City IGAs and Resolutions for Countywide Fuel Tax Measure

Dear Mayors and City Council Members,

Residents, businesses and travelers throughout Clackamas County need and deserve a safe and reliable road system. The countywide 6-cent-per-gallon, seven-year fuel tax, if approved by voters, will go a long way to help cities and the county repair, maintain and provide roadways to support the economy and quality of life.

There have been multiple meetings and discussions with city representatives that resulted in too many alterations that slowed the process. Yesterday I made a motion and the Board of Commissioners voted to eliminate the requirement that cities in Clackamas County approve a Resolution or an IGA in order to be a recipient of revenue from the fuel tax. The ballot measure describes that 60% of the revenue will go to the County and, based on population, 40% of the revenue will go to cities in the county. That language will serve as legal documentation that ensures that the 60/40 revenue split happens.

Some cities already approved a resolution and/or IGA, and to them I say thank you very much – your efforts are much appreciated and reflect what I'm sure the cities and county agreed to back in June—that if the county commits to split the fuel tax, the cities would publically support the ballot measure. To the few other cities, I hope you will yet join the County in outreach efforts to inform the public about the importance of this measure to the future of their community.

Strong communities deserve good roads, and I very much believe that working together we can deliver those good roads to our constituents.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners