

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY SEVEN-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX

WHEREAS, Clackamas County will submit a ballot measure in November 2016 for a countywide, seven-year \$0.06 per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law expressly prohibits using property taxes for road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Smooth pavement, well-marked intersections, unobstructed sight lines and clear lane markings are all critical to maintaining safe roads; and

WHEREAS, More than 50% of county roads are in fair to poor condition, and the county lacks the funds to continue maintenance at the level needed to fix, protect and preserve its roads; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County held a summit on June 9, 2016 seeking feedback from the Cities about means to address county road maintenance funding needs that could also support city transportation funding needs; and

WHEREAS, feedback from the Cities at the summit on June 9, 2016 included support for a “gas” tax contingent upon the County’s commitment to split the revenues with the Cities – 60% to the County and 40% to the Cities; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners have agreed to pursue a \$0.06 cent per gallon fuel tax and agreed to split the gas tax revenues 60%/40% with all Cities in Clackamas County based on population; and

WHEREAS, the motor vehicle fuel tax is scheduled to sunset 7 years after it begins; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to spend its 60% share of revenue to address road maintenance needs for seven paving packages and safety projects in unincorporated Clackamas County; and

WHEREAS, Oregon City will spend its share of the 40% allocated by population to all Cities within Clackamas County on transportation related projects; and

WHEREAS, Cities and the County have the opportunity, with a successful vote, to work together to improve the transportation network throughout the Cities and County.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES:

1. The City of Oregon City supports the motor vehicle fuel tax measure proposed by Clackamas County; and

2. The City of Oregon City supports the distribution of 40% of the revenue to all Cities within Clackamas County based on population; and
3. The City of Oregon City commits to use its share of received revenue to address transportation needs within the City.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 17th day of August, 2016.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 17th day of August, 2016:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney