BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION
NO: 17-02-07-04

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF A
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE
TO BE PASSED BY THE 79TH OREGON
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that transportation maintenance, operations, capital construction and roadway safety is a key responsibility of County governments across Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's Road Fund was once the largest recipient of shared revenues from the United States National Forest system in the entirety of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, federal timber harvests declined precipitously between 1986 and 2016, and federal revenue replacement policies have now fully expired; and

WHEREAS, Lane County voters rejected a local Vehicle Registration Fee with revenues dedicated for road safety and maintenance activities in May, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners understands that transportation partnerships with State and City government are necessary to ensure connectivity for all Oregonians and visitors to safety enjoy our unique state; 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, the Oregon State Highway Fund mechanism for distributing funds to the State, Cities, and Counties is established, fair, and preferred by industry stakeholders.
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County ORDERS and RESOLVES as follows:

1. That Lane County supports the effort of the State to establish a package of state policies, together referred to as the "transportation package", and this effort is a Lane County top tier legislative priority; and

2. That Lane County offers its support of the Legislature's raising transportation related fees and taxes in order to maintain and preserve Oregon's statewide transportation system.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2017.

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Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

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LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL