

RESOLUTION NO. 216

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 3559 REGARDING ROAD FINANCING.

WHEREAS, the Oregon Roads Financing Committee, representing the State of Oregon (Oregon Department of Transportation), the 36 counties, and the large and small cities of Oregon, has recently completed a new statewide update on a long-term program to improve Oregon's road and bridge infrastructure, and the results of this study show that, while the program is addressing some priority needs and is beginning to reduce a large backlog of basic road maintenance requirements, the long-term program objectives are not being met. The reasons for the long-term shortfall include: growth demands, which are adding to the unmet need for road and bridge improvement; the continuing inadequacy of available revenues to cover both growth demands and unmet backlog requirements for road and bridge maintenance; and the impact of inflation on costs of improvements; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the long-term program that began in 1986 remain critical to the economies of Oregon cities, counties and the State. These objectives are: to preserve the public investment in the highway infrastructure; to stay on top of demand and opportunities arising from growth; to ensure the system of roads and bridges statewide meets future needs and enhances livability throughout Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the state, cities and counties in Oregon have made a significant commitment to improve major roads and bridges in both urban and rural areas of the state, and propose over the next four (4) years to accelerate that effort to ensure communities statewide are able to capitalize on economic development and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties, as well as the state, propose over the next four (4) years to set priorities of expanding road capacity and reducing traffic congestion in growth areas of the state, and reducing the costs of future road repairs and reconstruction by making less costly maintenance improvements now.

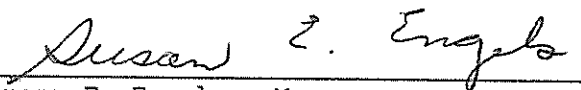
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF AURORA HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

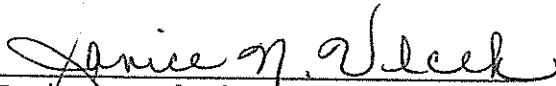
The City Council of the City of Aurora supports the recommendations of the Oregon Roads and Financing Committee, and that the 1991 session of the Oregon State Legislature enact laws which will:

1. Impose a two (\$.02) cent increase in state gasoline taxes over each of the next four (4) years (1992-1995); and
2. Impose an equivalent increase in the state weight/mile tax.

ADOPTED by the Aurora City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof on the 28th day of May, 1991.

ATTEST:

  
Susan E. Engels - Mayor

  
Janice N. Vlcek - City Recorder