

**RESOLUTION # 615**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT OUTREACH WORKSHOP AND SUPPORTING**

**WHEREAS**, Aurora's Transportation System Plan (TSP) was adopted in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the TSP Goals include preserving the function , capacity, level of service, and safety of the state highway (Goal 1) and provide and encourage a safe, convenient, and economic transportation system (Goal 5); and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Education and Outreach Assistance program funds and provides experts on topics related to traffic, circulation, land use and other issues affecting local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is working to protect the safety of its residents while preserving and addressing the needs of their commercial and industrial users;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Aurora, State of Oregon:

Fully supports submission of a grant request to the Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program to fund a TGM Outreach Workshop to provide a consultant to assist the city in design suggestions and gathering public outreach for a the southern corridor of Highway 99E, south of our historic downtown core.

**PASSES AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Aurora on the 14 day of December, 2010 by the following votes:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

  
James Meirow, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Kelly Richardson, City Recorder

# Memorandum

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
105 HIGH STREET S. E. SALEM, OREGON 97301-3667  
TELEPHONE: (503)588-6177 FAX: (503)588-6094

TO: Aurora City Council  
FROM: Renata Wakeley, City Planner  
DATE: December 8, 2010  
RE: Transportation Growth Management Outreach Workshop application

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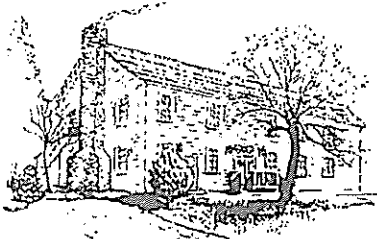
## Background

On November 24, 2010, the Mayor submitted a tentative application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Outreach workshop for a corridor study along 99E south of Ottaway Road. Please see attached **Exhibit A**.

As part of the application process, the Department of Transportation requests supporting documentation such as letters of support from planning commissions, resolutions from city councils, etc.

## Requested Action

The Aurora Planning Commission submitted a letter of support for the application and recommended at their December 7<sup>th</sup> planning commission meeting that the Aurora City Council adopt a resolution supporting the TGM Outreach Workshop application. A draft Resolution for Council adoption is attached as **Exhibit B**.



# City of Aurora

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"National Historic Site"

November 24, 2010

Constance Beaumont  
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development  
635 Capitol St. N.E.  
Salem, OR 97301-2540

Re: Transportation Growth Management Outreach Workshop application

Dear Ms. Beaumont,

Located along the Hwy 99E corridor in North Marion County, the City of Aurora (pop. est. 1,000) has a National Historic District, proximity to the I-5 corridor and the Aurora Airport, and has experienced a tremendous growth rate in recent years. In 2009, the City completed updates to their Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan. In addition, the City completed the intensive process of a two phased update to their development code, including a review of Gateway Design Standards for the corridor along Hwy 99E outside of the city's historic district. ODOT recently approved the establishment of a Special Transportation Area and new pedestrian crosswalk in this area (see attached map). In partnership with ODOT, the city also completed streetscape improvements along 99E this year.

While completion of the above tasks has required much work on behalf of the planning commission, historic review board, and city council, the City is ready and eager to take on the next task prioritized in our Vision Plan. The City is interested in sponsoring a TGM Outreach Workshop in hopes of gathering information and feedback on the residential and commercial properties directly to the south of our downtown core, along the Hwy 99E corridor (see attached map). The city hopes to receive guidance from a consultant and receive input from the local community on the potential of rezoning current residentially zoned property along the 99E corridor to a denser and potentially better matched mixed use zone. While the City encourages continued commercial and industrial growth along 99E, we understand that this is a high traffic corridor. Concerns recently brought to the City's attention include:

- Pedestrian safety along Hwy 99E
- Connectivity and vehicular access to current and future uses


Exhibit   A1

- Transit oriented and mixed use developments
- Driveway access for properties along 99E

The City of Aurora hopes the workshop and consultant will provide much needed design suggestions, along with a means in which to gather public outreach on this important part of the city. In order to promote attendance at the workshop(s), the City intends to advertise in the local paper and publish an article in the city newsletter (mailed out with water billings). Discussion of an upcoming workshop would be announced at planning commission and city council meetings and invitations to attend the workshop would be sent to the historic review board, parks committee, and traffic safety committee. In addition to their council chambers, the City can provide a larger meeting space at our fire hall, if needed.

Within the coming weeks, the City will provide a letter of support from the planning commission and a resolution from the council showing support for the proposed TGM application and event. Please do not hesitate to contact Renata Wakeley, City Planner, at 503-588-6177 with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jim Meirow, Mayor

Cc: Renata Wakeley, City Planner  
Jason Sahlin, Planning Commission Chair

Exhibit A2