From: Chuck Bennett
To: JWMCC Exhibits
Subject: Fwd: Regional Solutions budget SB5530
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> Dear Chairs and Committee Members,
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> I'm writing in support of the Governor's Regional Solutions budget request.
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> As Mayor of Salem I have had the opportunity to work with James LaBar our local staff member. His work with the City of Salem, ODOT and DLCD has been invaluable in our work toward completion of our EIS for a third bridge across the Willamette River. This project is a major part of our city and regional economic and transportation development infrastructure. We are ten years into the NEPA process and Mr. LaBar's work with us was invaluable in our efforts.
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> In addition the agency has played a key role in economic development activities for our region throughout our three counties including major projects in other nearby cities and the major water and recreation at Detroit Lake.
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> We look forward to our continued relationship with this agency and rely heavily on its assistance in our ongoing relationships with state agencies.
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> Thank you for considering my testimony and all the best as you work to successfully complete this Session.
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> Sincerely,
> Chuck Bennett
> Mayor, City of Salem
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> Sent from my iPad