



City of Wilsonville Testimony
Supporting Funding for the Boone Bridge Replacement Project:
Ensuring the 2025 Legislature's \$1 million allocation generates a return on investment
through a federal earmark

February 13, 2026

Co-Chair Nosse, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction:

The Boone Bridge is **not a local bridge**. It is a critical link on Interstate 5 and a key corridor for interstate and national commerce. Reliable infrastructure equates to **economic development and jobs**.

Each day, approximately **126,000 vehicles**—including about **17,000 freight trips**—cross the bridge as part of national supply chains, connecting Interstate 84, Interstate 205, and Oregon 217 with Interstate 5. These connections link West Coast ports, regional distribution centers, and markets across the country. When this bridge slows, commerce slows. When it fails, commerce stops.

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas recently highlighted the Boone Bridge in testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, underscoring strong federal interest and support. That momentum matters—but it depends on clarity and consistency from the State.

Last year, thanks to the efforts of Senator Courtney Neron-Misslin, the Legislature made a **critical investment of \$1 million** in this project. That commitment has positioned Wilsonville to pursue **up to \$5 million in federal earmark funding** in partnership with ODOT.

After learning that the \$1 million she secured last year was on ODOT's Agency Reductions list, and **recognizing the strong potential return on investment** from a federal earmark, Senator Neron-Misslin worked with Wilsonville to make a CapCon request for the amount of the agency cut.

We urge you to work with the full Ways and Means Committee to **ensure that this \$1 million stays whole**, either through removal from the agency reductions list or through this request in SB 5702.

Sincerely,



Mayor Shawn O'Neil
City of Wilsonville