

RESOLUTION 2009-007

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF LA PINE'S SUPPORT TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE US 97/WICKIUP JUNCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, US 97 is a critical part of Oregon's transportation system, and is classified as an expressway in the Wickiup Junction/La Pine area; and

WHEREAS, the at-grade railway/highway crossing on US 97 at Wickiup Junction is the only at-grade crossing on US 97 in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, this at-grade crossing creates an extremely unsafe situation on US 97; and

WHEREAS, the traffic volume on Burgess Road at the US 97 intersection (immediately south of the railway crossing) is approaching capacity, making hazardous egress and ingress access to US 97 from Burgess Road; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") is partnering with Deschutes County and the City of La Pine ("City") to develop a solution to address the safety problems at US 97/Wickiup Junction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed short-term solution to these safety problems is to (a) realign US 97 to the east of its current location, and (b) build a railway overcrossing and new connections for Burgess Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, ODOT, Deschutes County, and City do not have adequate financial resources to fund the Project; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming federal surface transportation funding reauthorization provides an opportunity to submit highway program earmark requests; and

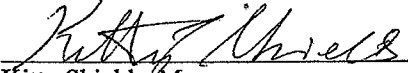
WHEREAS, the Oregon Transportation Commission is submitting a limited number of earmark requests to Oregon's congressional delegation for consideration in the federal surface transportation funding reauthorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by and through the La Pine City Council meeting in regular session, as follows:

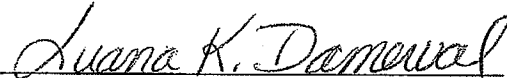
1. City supports the Project and any efforts to obtain federal funding assistance for the Project.
2. That this Resolution be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission and Oregon's congressional delegation members.

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APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND MADE EFFECTIVE by the City Council on this 9th day of September, 2009.


Kitty Shields, Mayor

ATTEST:


Luana K. Damerval, City Recorder