

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washington County State Senators and Representatives

FROM: Jerry Willey, Mayor

DATE: November 7, 2012

RE: **Proposed 2013 Westside Transportation Corridor Legislation & Supporting White Paper**

Please find attached for your reference the above-captioned White Paper, a related draft legislative concept for a 2013 Bill and a memo to elected leaders and local government managers from northwest Oregon jurisdictions that explain why the White Paper and the draft legislative concept were prepared and are being pursued by the City of Hillsboro. Thank you for your kind attention to these materials.

We respectfully ask for your support of a 2013 Bill that will direct ODOT to prepare the Westside Transportation corridor study as described in the attached draft legislative concept. We believe a need for this legislation is empirically supported by the White Paper and explained in the attached memo. We encourage you to discuss this matter with your local government Mayor and managers.

The White Paper research/analyses clearly show that major Westside freight and travel routes (I-5, Hwy 26, Hwy 217, and I-5/99W travel shed and connected State and regional arterials) will become inoperably congested over time, with growth-stunting economic impacts to agriculture, viticulture, tourism, nurseries, manufacturing, timber and other traded sectors in the Portland Region, the PMSA and northwest Oregon.

As the White Paper points out: so many key facets (i.e., products shipping/receiving, production costs, access to workforce, etc.) of our local, regional and state economies can fail without strong transportation system support. Long-term, a Westside Corridor would be an essential and central piece of such a system in northwest Oregon.

CITY OF HILLSBORO



Jerry W. Willey, Mayor

Attachments: