



Memorandum

To: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners Tonia
From: Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs
RE: City of Wilsonville Support Letter
Date: February 17, 2026

REQUEST: Approve a letter of support for the City of Wilsonville's Congressionally Directed Spending application.

BACKGROUND: Congressional offices are beginning to solicit CDS proposals. Community partners often reach out to Clackamas County to request letters in support of their respective proposals. To date, Clackamas County has received one support request:

City of Wilsonville | Boone Bridge Replacement Project Preliminary Design: The City of Wilsonville seeks CDS funding for the next phase in site review and design for the Boone Bridge Replacement Project, which would construct a new, seismically-resilient bridge, add a southbound auxiliary lane to reduce congestion, and upgrade the nearby exits to reduce the short, dangerous merging areas that cause crashes. Local match for the project is \$1 million awarded by the 2025 Legislature. ODOT would be the funds recipient, and the City of Wilsonville has ODOT's support for this request.

Additional requests may arise as more House districts begin project solicitation.

RECOMMENDATION: Public and Government Affairs recommends the Board approve the letter of support for the City of Wilsonville's CDS application.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs

Attachments:

A: Draft Wilsonville Letter of Support

DRAFT Board of County Commissioners Letter

February 17, 2026

Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jeff Merkley
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Andrea Salinas
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Wilsonville's Boone Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley and Representative Salinas:

Clackamas County is fully supportive of the City of Wilsonville's Fiscal Year 2027 Community Initiated Project application for the Boone Bridge Replacement Project Preliminary Design.

The Boone Bridge is a critical link on Interstate 5 (I-5), the main West Coast route between Canada and Mexico. Key to interstate commerce, approximately 17,000 freight trips comprise nearly 14% of total daily bridge crossings. Because of its location near the intersection of several major highways, this stretch of the I-5 corridor is part of national supply chains for technology, defense, manufacturing, and logistics businesses.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified the area as a high-crash location, as short merging areas cause congestion and crashes that reduce speeds and travel time reliability. These delays ripple throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

Additionally, the Boone Bridge is a state-designated Seismic Lifeline Route and a key corridor for transporting supplies and equipment following a major disaster. However, the aging bridge will fail in a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, leaving the Portland metropolitan area and the northern Willamette Valley disconnected.

We encourage your support for the safety, capacity, and resilience improvements this project will deliver.

Respectfully,

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Craig Roberts, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners