
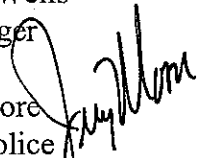


TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: 
Robert G. Wells
City Manager
FROM: Gerald Moore 
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) Construction Zone Enforcement Grant

ISSUE:

Should the Salem Police Department accept \$12,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fund overtime enforcement of traffic laws on Interstate 5 in the Kuebler Blvd. construction zone?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve acceptance of \$12,000 in grant money allocated to the Salem Police Department for traffic enforcement overtime.

BACKGROUND:

ODOT has traditionally allocated enforcement grant funds received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for work zone enforcement to the Oregon State Police. Work zone safety is critical for not only the people working in the work zone but for the motoring public as well. In the past three years there have been 37 fatalities in Oregon work zones. ODOT has determined that the Kuebler Blvd. construction zone merits extending overtime enforcement grants to agencies other than the Oregon State Police due to its size, length of time, and hazards present.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Salem Police Department is committed to traffic safety and traffic enforcement and to projects which enhance community-wide traffic safety.
2. Traffic problems in the I-5/Kuebler Blvd. construction zone would cause major impacts to City resources as freeway traffic would be diverted onto surface streets.
3. This grant will allow the Salem Police Department to participate in directed traffic enforcement projects without interfering in normal everyday traffic enforcement

within the City.

4. This grant would pay full encumbered overtime rate for officers working traffic enforcement in the construction zone.
5. There is a \$2,640 match, which will be met through daily traffic enforcement within a 5 mile radius of the work zone, including traffic enforcement on City streets.