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Matthew Garrett, Director
Oregon Department of Transportation
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SUBJECT: Salem City Council Decision to take no further action to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Salem River Crossing Project

Dear Mr. Ditzler and Mr. Garrett:

At its meeting on February 11, 2019, the Salem City Council voted 6 to 3 to take no further action on the remaining land use actions needed for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement with the currently identified Preferred Alternative for the Salem River Crossing Project.

Members of the Council are aware that with this vote, ODOT will not complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement for a build alternative, and that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration will pursue a course of action that will effectively close the Salem River Crossing Project with a No Build Record of Decision.

I want to express my disappointment with this outcome and my appreciation to you and your staff for the guidance and support you have provided the City of Salem over the past 13 years of the Salem River Crossing Project.

Respectfully yours,

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

cc: Sonny Chickering, PE, Region 2 Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation
Cathy Clark, Mayor, City of Keizer
Sam Brentano, Marion County Board of Commissioner
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