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July 15, 2013

Sonny Chickering
ODOT Region 2 Manager
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SUBJECT: Center and Marion Street Bridges

Dear Mr. Chickering:

As you are aware, the Marion and Center Street Bridges serve as a vital link in the transportation network for the City of Salem, the broader region, and the State. Over the past several years, the City of Salem has been working with you and our other partners in the Salem-Keizer Metropolitan Planning Organization to address the need for an additional crossing of the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer area.

On June 24, 2013, the City Council unanimously approved a motion to support a future new bridge in the vicinity of Pine Street NE. While a new bridge is an important element of our future transportation system, it will not replace the vital role filled by the Marion and Center Street Bridges. It is with this in mind that we wish to emphasize the importance of continued attention to maintenance of the Center and Marion Street Bridges to ensure ongoing safety of these facilities. I and the rest of the Council recognize and appreciate recent investments that ODOT has made to these bridges, particularly to the Marion Street Bridge. We urge you to continue your efforts to maintain vital bridges in Oregon, including the ones in Salem.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the traveling public.

Sincerely,

Anna Peterson
Mayor

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