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July 19, 2016

John Lattimer, Chief Administrative Officer
Marion County
PO Box 14500
Salem OR 97309

SUBJECT: Request for Salem River Crossing Regional Planning Action

Dear Mr. Lattimer:


As you are aware, the City of Salem is working with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study member jurisdictions on the federally required environmental process to identify the preferred location for a new crossing of the Willamette River in the Salem-Keizer area. A preferred alternative was recommended by the Salem River Crossing Oversight Team in February 2014. Since that time, ODOT and its consultant team, led by CH2M, have been analyzing the preferred alternative, the results of which will be documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, due to be published in 2017.

The preferred alternative connects the portion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) on the east side of the Willamette River with the portion located west of the river. Bridging this area requires crossing over land that is outside the UGB. Salem is proposing to amend the regional UGB to bring in land required for the transportation project. This amendment would add approximately 35.7 acres to the Salem-Keizer UGB.

The Salem City Council will formally consider initiation of this UGB amendment and associated land use actions in early August. The reason for this letter is to request concurrence in the UGB amendment by Marion County. With your support, our staff will coordinate the approval process with your staff, including a proposed joint public hearing this fall.

Please let me know if you have questions on this request.

Sincerely,



Steve Powers
City Manager

cc: Brandon Reich, Senior Planner
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