



October 6, 2016

Subject: Application CA16-04

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilors, Planning Commissioners and County Commissioners,

On behalf of the City Council of Dallas, I would like to voice our support of the proposed land-use actions before you that are necessary for the implementation of the preferred alternative for the third bridge across the Willamette River. The City of Dallas has in the past and continues to support this effort for a number of important reasons.

The preferred alternative would provide an option for commuters and freight without impacting downtown Salem, it would relieve congestion on the current bridge couplet, provide more efficient movement of goods and services within our region, and be constructed to withstand an earthquake event, which would provide critical access for emergency responders in such an event. It is unlikely that the current bridges would withstand such an event.

For these reasons, the City of Dallas would like to reiterate our support for this project.

Please enter this letter into the record on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Dalton

Mayor, City of Dallas