



October 14, 2016

Re: Third Bridge Support Letter

Dear Mayors, Councilors, Planning Commissioners and County Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Independence in support of the proposed land use actions before you needed to take the next steps in permitting the third bridge crossing of the Willamette. The City Council for the City of Independence took this up Tuesday evening and expressed its unanimous support for the bridge crossing.

Clearly, crossing the Willamette between Polk and Marion Counties at the City of Salem is a choke point for the commercial, recreational, and emergency needs of our respective communities. This is critical economic infrastructure for our City and surrounding communities.

Please submit this as part of the record of consideration for your respective deliberations.

Sincerely,



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