

A NEW HIGHWAY FOR THE MCKENZIE

WHEREAS the McKenzie Highway from Springfield to Blue River was designed in the early 1930's and currently is ill-suited to serve the 1990's and into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS the highway is the only road available to thousand of people who live in the McKenzie River Valley; and

WHEREAS the estimated 3000 children who travel 1000 miles in school buses each day on the unsafe highway are exposed to the potential for life threatening accidents; and

WHEREAS this highway is a lifeline for the timber products industry in the lower Willamette Valley serving thousands of log truck trips each week; and

WHEREAS this highway is a vital link between the Lower Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon markets and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS the McKenzie Highway is a critical link, not only for the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area, but the thousands of Californians, in the event the 1996 Olympics come to Oregon; and

WHEREAS the regional Economic Strategy of this region is dependent upon efficient and safe transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we endorse the construction of a new highway from 52nd street to Elk Creek bridge with the reservation of the existing highway for local use; and we further urge the Lane County Commissioners to place this project on the top of their priority list for presentation to the Department of Transportation for their 6-year highway plan.

Adopted on January 20, 1988

By Lane Transit District Board of Directors

Signed 
Board Secretary