

City of Sherwood, OR
Resolution No. 87-392

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATE'S "ACCESS OREGON" PROGRAM, AND STRONGLY ENDORSING THE INCLUSION AND HIGH PRIORITIZATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HIGHWAY 99W/HIGHWAY 18 CORRIDOR FROM THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN PORTLAND AREA TO LINCOLN CITY AND THE COAST.

WHEREAS, the new administration of Governor Neil Goldschmidt has identified the need for high impact, concentrated improvements to highways accessing the State's major recreational and tourism centers, as a means of spurring tourism, economic development and prosperity statewide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood understands that the formal adoption of these highway corridors, their component parts, and the "Access Oregon" program will occur through the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Six Year Highway Plan, currently scheduled for review, amendment, and re-adoption by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) by July, 1988; and

WHEREAS, ODOT officials have stated at various meetings and forums conducted in Metropolitan Portland and in communities along Highways 99W/18, that the prioritization of the importance of these corridors, and the selection and funding of specific improvement projects, will be significantly influenced by the positions and comments of impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood is geographically situated so as to be in both of the ODOT planning regions, Region 1 (Portland) and Region 2 (McMinnville), which encompass Highways 99W/18, and the City is bisected by Highway 99W at the approximate north end of the section of that highway identified in the "Access Oregon" program, and therefore the City has a significant interest in the upgrading of this system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood has long endorsed two road projects that will significantly improve the ability of Highway 99W to carry recreational, tourist and commercial traffic to and from the Coast; those projects being the immediate \$13 million reconstruction of the Six Corners/99W intersection in Sherwood and widening Tualatin-Sherwood/Edy Road from Sherwood to Interstate Highway 5 in the City of Tualatin; and the ultimate solution of constructing a new limited access highway connection, generally known as Phase I of the "Western Bypass", from Highway 99W just north of Sherwood to the juncture of I-5 and I-205 in Tualatin; and

WHEREAS, these "off-system" improvements are generally recognized as being crucial to relieving the traffic congestion that occurs on Highway 99W through the City of Tigard, and on various local arterials linking 99W and I-5, such as Durham Road and Tualatin-Sherwood Road;

WHEREAS, said congestion greatly increases travel times for all highway users, and generally discourages the tourist using Highways 99W/18 to visit such attractions as the Oregon Coast and Oregon wineries, and is an impediment to the the businessperson attempting to move his or her goods along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood has long recognized the crucial importance of regional cooperation and consensus, having recently sponsored a joint meeting of the cities of McMinnville, Newberg, Sherwood, Tualatin, Tigard, Wilsonville, King City and Durham, to develop a position for advancing the Western Bypass and Tualatin-Sherwood/Edy Road projects; and also recently participating in a joint meeting of jurisdictions in Lincoln, Yamhill and Washington Counties to discuss the advancement of road projects with the Highways 99W/18 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood recognizes that in addition to the aforementioned Western Bypass and Six Corners/Tualatin-Sherwood/Edy Road projects, that other improvements to Highways 99W/18 are crucial to the growth of tourism and economic development along the full length of the corridor and will directly benefit the City, these projects including, among others: construction of a "mini-bypass" around the one-way street couplet in Newberg, widening of the highway through smaller communities such as Lafayette, Dundee, and Grand Ronde, improvements to the intersections of Highways 99W and 18 both north and south of McMinnville, and improvement to the intersection of Highways 22 and 18 at Valley Junction.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: "Access Oregon". That the Highway 99W/Highway 18 Corridor be prioritized as a crucial highway component of the "Access Oregon" program, and that the completion of capital roadway improvements within this corridor be recognized as playing a significant role in tourism and economic development, and in the "Oregon Comeback" as a whole.

Section 2: Regional Cooperation. That the cities, counties, Chambers of Commerce, and other organizations and agencies impacted by the Highways 99W/18 Corridor continue to meet to develop a unified regional approach to ensuring the inclusion of, and priority funding for, necessary highway corridor improvements within the ODOT Six Year Highway Plan.

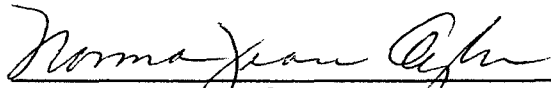
Section 3: "Off-System" Improvements. That the State of Oregon recognize that certain improvements off the Highways 99W/18 Corridor, such as construction of Phase I of the Western Bypass and widening of Tualatin-Sherwood/Edy Road, are crucial to the effectiveness of the corridor, and must be considered as part and parcel of an overall improvement program.

Section 4: Six Year Plan. That the Highways 99W/18 Corridor be included in the final 1988 ODOT Six Year Highway Plan and that vital elements of the corridor receive construction funding either from State gas tax, or from other funding sources available to the State.

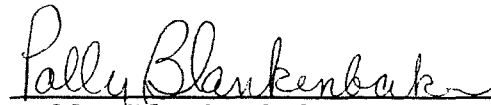
Section 5. Transmittal. That the City Recorder is hereby directed to immediately transmit copies of this Resolution to:

Governor Neil Goldschmidt
Representative Les AuCoin
Members of the Oregon Transportation Commission
Director of Oregon Department of Transportation
Regional Engineer, Region 1, ODOT
Regional Engineer, Region 2, ODOT
Mayors and County Chairpersons of the 99W/18 Corridor
State Representative Paul Phillips
State Senator Jim Simmons

Section 6. Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective upon approval and adoption.



Norma Jean Oyler, Mayor
City of Sherwood, Oregon



Polly Blankenbaker, Recorder

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
OYLER	✓	—
CHAVEZ	✓	—
BIRCHILL	✓	—
STEWART	✓	—
NIGHTINGALE	✓	—

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