



# Marion County

## OREGON

### Board of Commissioners

April 8, 2013

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Representative Tobias Read, Chair  
Transportation & Economic Development Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 453  
Salem, OR 97301

#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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#### Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 2696

Dear Chair Read and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill 2696 which forces a regional bypass through northern Marion County. Since first proposed, the Coastal Parkway project has received opposition from affected farmers, cities, counties, community groups, and area residents.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners has consistently opposed the Coastal Parkway proposal as evidenced by three resolutions stating specific concerns about the project. The commissioners are opposed to HB 2696 for the following reasons:

- The proposal violates guidelines and desires regarding farmland preservation and protection in the French Prairie area;
- There are no grounds to depart from the regionally approved Newberg-Dundee bypass currently under construction by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT); and
- HB 2696 undermines local control by compelling ODOT to utilize the power of condemnation in violation protections outlined in ORS 35.015.

The proposed project provides no benefit to Marion County residents and sacrifices valuable farmland to resolve another county's traffic congestion problem where an identified solution already exists. Marion County has a duty to protect its citizens and agricultural enterprises from the adverse effects of non farm development on agricultural lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We ask for your support of Marion County in opposing this bill.

Sincerely,

Chair                      Commissioner                      Commissioner

cc: House Transportation and Economic Development Committee  
Marion County Legislative Delegation

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

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In the matter of opposing the )  
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RESOLUTION No. 06-5R

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commis-  
sioners at a regularly scheduled public meeting on February 27,  
2006.

WHEREAS, the traffic problems and congestion in the Newberg-  
Dundee area have developed over a period of many years; and

WHEREAS, these traffic pressures have been the subject of  
study by many groups and task forces during the past 30 years;  
and

WHEREAS, the most recent study to find a solution to the  
Newberg-Dundee traffic problems proposed approximately 11  
alternatives, all but one of which, the regional bypass, would  
be located in Yamhill County; and

WHEREAS, the regional bypass would send traffic east to  
Interstate Highway 5, via a new Willamette River bridge and  
along the corridor in Marion County that is now traversed by  
McKay, Yergen and Ehlen Roads (County Roads 405 and 96), which  
are heavily traveled, already leading to congestion at the  
Donald Interchange on Interstate 5; and

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1           WHEREAS, the lands in and around this corridor are zoned  
2 Exclusive Farm Use and have been preserved for farm use as  
3 required by Oregon land use laws and regulations, implemented by  
4 Marion County's Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances,  
5 farming is the backbone of the economy of Marion County, and  
6 Marion County farm products feed the state; and

7           WHEREAS, Marion County has a duty to protect its citizens  
8 and agricultural enterprises from the adverse effects of  
9 excessive traffic, noise, air pollution and non farm development  
10 of agricultural lands; and

11           WHEREAS, more appropriate solutions to the Newberg-Dundee  
12 traffic problems are available within Yamhill County, including  
13 the tollway authorized under Senate Bill 626 (1995 Oregon Laws  
14 chap. 668); now, therefore,

15           IT IS RESOLVED that the Marion County Board of Commissioners  
16 opposes efforts to locate the regional bypass in Marion County  
17 and urges that all consideration of locating the bypass in  
18 Marion County be immediately discontinued; and

19           IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Marion County will continue to  
20 support efforts to address the Newberg-Dundee traffic problems  
21 by continuing its full participation in the Newberg-Dundee  
22 Transportation Improvement Project.  
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DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of February 2006.

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MARION COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION No. 03-4R

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on February 12, 2003.

WHEREAS, the traffic problems and congestion in the Newberg-Dundee area have developed over a period of many years; and

WHEREAS, these traffic pressures have been the subject of study by many groups and task forces during the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the most recent study to find a solution to the Newberg-Dundee traffic problems proposed approximately 11 alternatives, all but one of which, the regional bypass, would be located in Yamhill County; and

WHEREAS, the regional bypass would send traffic east to Interstate Highway 5, via a new Willamette River bridge and along the corridor in Marion County that is now traversed by McKay, Yergen and Ehlen Roads (County Roads 405 and 96), which are heavily traveled, already leading to congestion at the Donald Interchange on Interstate 5; and

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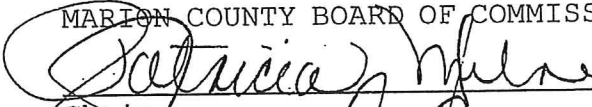
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10 tollway authorized under Senate Bill 626 (1995 Oregon Laws chap.  
11 668); now, therefore,


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13 opposes efforts to locate the regional bypass in Marion County and  
14 urges that all consideration of locating the bypass in Marion  
15 County be immediately discontinued; and

16 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Marion County will continue to  
17 support efforts to address the Newberg-Dundee traffic problems by  
18 continuing its full participation in the Newberg-Dundee Transporta-  
19 tion Improvement Project.  
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21 DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

22 MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ALAN H. FAYMONSON  
MARION COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION No. 01-17R

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commis-  
sioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on May 2, 2001.

WHEREAS, the traffic problems and congestion in the Newberg-  
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study by many groups and task forces during the past 30 years; and

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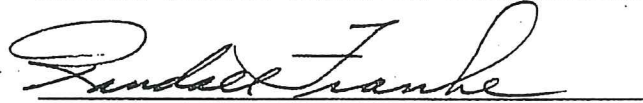
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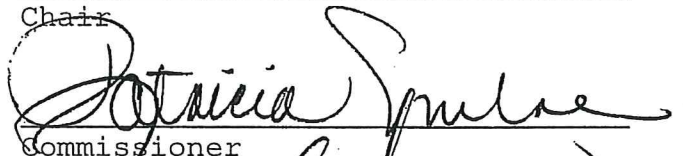
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Marion County will continue to support efforts to address the Newberg-Dundee traffic problems by continuing its full participation in the Newberg-Dundee Transportation Improvement Project.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 2nd day of May, 2001.

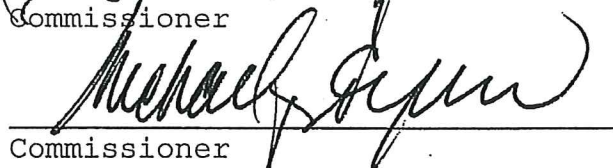
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