



CITY COUNCIL

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February 2, 2023

Co-Chair Senator Gorsek  
Co-Chair Representative McLain  
Co-Vice Chair Senator Boquist  
Co-Vice Chair Representative Boshart Davis  
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Co-Vice Chair Boquist, Co-Vice Chair Boshart Davis:

I'm writing on behalf of the Salem City Council in support of HB 2781, which would form a regional bridge district. HB 2781 authorizes, but does not require participation in, a bridge district to levy property taxes to plan, finance, construct, operate and maintain bridges over the Willamette River in the capital city region.

We need a regional body to govern this critical regional transportation infrastructure. This bill provides for the possibility of a future Willamette River crossing if and when the people living in the capital city region want it.

The City of Salem encourages your support for House Bill 2781.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chris Hoy  
City of Salem

cc: Salem Legislative Delegation

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