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Submitted via email to:
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**RE: Support for Proposed ODOT 2018 RTP Projects, Especially Map ID #1,
"I-5 SB: Wilsonville Rd Interchange to Wilsonville-Hubbard Hwy"**

Dear Manager Windsheimer:

I am writing on behalf of the Wilsonville City Council to express the City of Wilsonville's strong support for the set of Proposed ODOT 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Projects; and in particular, for Project Map ID #1, the "I-5 SB: Wilsonville Rd Interchange to Wilsonville-Hubbard Hwy" project. ODOT describes the project as an "auxiliary extension from I-5 Wilsonville Road to Hubbard Highway that would include improvements to the Boones [sic] Bridge."

We also request your active support for the proposed "South Metro I-5 Corridor Study" that is codified in the Metro 2014 RTP as "Mobility Corridor #3," a next-tier "corridor refinement plan." The South Metro I-5 Corridor Study would look at a range of transportation issues by engaging multiple stakeholders to develop potential solutions regarding the movement of freight, commuters, local and interstate traffic along the South Metro I-5 Corridor, stretching from north of Salem/Keizer past Wilsonville and I-205 and Highway 217 to Portland and Hillsboro.

The ODOT proposed "I-5 SB: Wilsonville Rd Interchange to Wilsonville-Hubbard Hwy" project for the 2018 RTP is certainly one of the primary chokepoints along the South Metro I-5 Corridor. However, this project alone is unlikely to resolve the heavy, on-going traffic congestion problems in the South Metro I-5 Corridor. Additional solutions need to be considered and priced, including the addition of other auxiliary and extended merge lanes and off-ramps, improvements to arterials parallel to I-5 that offer non-highway routing options for local trips, and extension of Westside Express Service (WES) grade-separated transit rail service and other public-transit options focused on commuter employment trips.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville

cc: Wilsonville City Council
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Metro Subcommittee
Metro Council