



RESOLUTION
(66 - 2015)

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A
CONNECTOREGON GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Gresham is applying for a *ConnectOregon* Grant to design and construction Phase IV of the Gresham/Fairview Trail; and


WHEREAS, the project is within the City of Gresham's jurisdiction, the planned Phase IV alignment of the Gresham/Fairview Trail is adjacent to the City's jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, this trail connection is a value link to Fairview and its employment, residential and commercial areas and also provides important access to Marine Drive Trail, the I-84 Multi-Use Path, and the Springwater Corridor Trail – all significant pieces of the 40-Mile Loop Trail System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

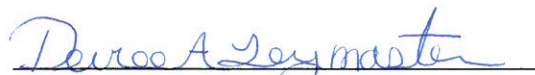
Section 1 The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a letter of support for the *ConnectOregon* grant application on behalf of the City as shown in Exhibit A.

Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Fairview, this 18th day of November, 2015.



Mayor, City of Fairview
Ted Tosterud

ATTEST



City Recorder, City of Fairview
Devree Leymaster

11-19-15

Date



November 19, 2015

ConnectOregon Grant Program
ODOT Freight Planning Unit
555 13th St. N.E., Suite 2
Salem, OR 97301

Re: *ConnectOregon* Grant Application: Gresham/Fairview Trail Phase IV

Dear Committee Members and Staff:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Fairview to state our support of the City of Gresham's proposal to design and construct Phase IV of the Gresham/Fairview Trail. On behalf of Fairview residents and visitors to our City, I view this project as one of the region's most critical needs.

Though the project is within the City of Gresham jurisdiction, the planned alignment of phase IV is adjacent to the City of Fairview jurisdictional boundary. My community sees this as a valuable link to our City and its employment, residential, and commercial areas. We also consider this an important connection to access the Marine Drive Trail, the I-84 Multi-Use Path, and the Springwater Corridor Trail – all significant pieces of the 40-Mile Loop Trail system.

The benefits to Fairview, Gresham, and all of East Multnomah County are numerous. Opportunities to provide tourists from within our city, region, and even from outside of our area with opportunities to "explore" East Multnomah County expand with completion of this trail. In addition our workforce can use this trail for commuting opportunities, thereby decreasing the volume of traffic on our roadways.

We strongly recommend the Gresham/Fairview Trail Phase IV for *ConnectOregon* funding.

Sincerely,

Ted Tosterud
Mayor

cc. Kelly Clarke, City of Gresham