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Date: January 15, 2004

To: Victor Dodier

Fax #: (503) 378-2021

From: Ros Martinez

Subject: Barnett Road Bridge Letter

Please find attached the "Barnett Road Bridge" letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at (541) 664-6676 ext. 202

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Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation

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January 14, 2004

Gregg Dal Ponte, Chair
Freight Advisory Committee
550 Capitol St., NE
Salem, OR 97301-2530

Dear Mr. Dal Ponte,

The Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation request the addition of the City of Medford's Barnett Road Bridge over Bear Creek to the list of OTIA III bridges. This bridge requires replacement, preliminarily estimated at a cost of \$7 million. This is an urgent request from the City based on new information regarding the structural integrity of the bridge.


The City of Medford did not previously apply for OTIA III funds for the following reasons. Highway Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation (HBRR) funds were allocated to the Barnett bridge replacement in 2007 under the umbrella of the South Medford Interchange (SMI) replacement project. An agreement was made between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Medford to wait until the SMI project to replace the bridge. Subsequent to this agreement, it was determined the overall rating of this bridge was worse than expected and is in need of expeditious repairs.

Medford currently has a consultant under contract to conduct a complete inspection of the bridge. Conversations are underway with the regional ODOT office regarding temporary solutions if the bridge will require temporary shoring. The City does not have the \$7 million necessary to replace the bridge and may not have the funds to temporarily shore it.

The Barnett Road Bridge is critical to serving both Interstate and City traffic. It is located at the South Medford Interchange and serves the interstate freight industry, local commerce and residential needs. Daily, some 33,500 vehicles cross this structure. Load limiting this bridge would send additional traffic to the North Medford and Phoenix Interchanges, possibly causing additional disruption to freight and interstate traffic.

The Barnett Road Bridge has statewide significance. The Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation requests your serious consideration of funding its replacement.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Montero
RVACT Co-Chair

cc: Cory Crebbin
Paul Mather
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