



February 13, 2006

Region 1 STIP Coordinator
123 NW Flanders Street
Portland Oregon 97209

RE: Support for the funding for the Sunrise Project and the I-5: Wilsonville interchange
in the 2008-2011 STIP

Dear Region 1 STIP Coordinator;

The Clackamas County Business Alliance strongly supports funding the following projects listed on the ODOT Region 1 Candidate Modernization Project List for 2006-2011:

- \$7 million OR 212/OR 224 Sunrise Corridor Project
- \$10.5 Million for the I-5 Wilsonville Interchange

The Business Alliance represents large and small industry throughout Clackamas County. Our organization is dedicated to identifying opportunities and working toward solutions to the challenges that all businesses encounter including workforce development, transportation and infrastructure, economic development, and land use. A transportation system that can handle current traffic needs; accommodates the growth we are seeing; and makes it possible for freight to get to its destination is imperative to the financial robustness of our communities. Without a solid transportation system, Clackamas County and the region will not realize full economic prosperity.

Each of these projects has compelling economic development attributes that make funding critical from our perspective. They include:

Sunrise Project:

- This corridor has been designated a project of statewide significance for many years. It is a critical to east/west-bound traffic as well as the growing demand for north/south connections between 1-84 and Clackamas County.

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- The Sunrise Project will provide alternative access to and through one of the largest industrial, warehouse and distribution areas in the Portland region.
- The Clackamas Industrial Area already has many of its main access routes at failure due to congestion during a time of significant business expansion and new development.

I-5 Wilsonville Interchange:

- This project was identified as a top priority in ODOT's November 2002 Freeway Access Study.
- This interchange is near capacity and businesses in the area will no longer be able to expand without improvements to this interchange.
- The project will ease the traffic demands at both I-5 and Wilsonville Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to support these essential projects. We encourage the Oregon Transportation Commission to continue their support for the Sunrise Project and the I-5 Wilsonville Interchange in the 2008-2011 STIP. Please contact me at 503-656-0901 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Marks", written in a cursive style.

David Marks, Marks Metals Technology
Clackamas County Business Alliance Board