



City of Florence

Mayor and Council

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Mr. Robin Marshburn
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Transportation Development Division
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Dear Mr. Marshburn:

Please register the support of the City of Florence for the designation of State Highway 101 as a "Freight Route" within the State Highway Freight System. This letter of support alters the previous position of the Florence City Council regarding the Freight Route designation for this portion of the State Highway System. It is conditioned upon the portion of the route that lies within the City limits of Florence being given the status of a Special Transportation Area (STA) at the same time.

Coming to this resolution has been very difficult for the Florence local elected body. We are very concerned about the quality of development with our "Main Street" area as defined by the City's Downtown Plan. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was heavily involved in the crafting of the Downtown Plan and with the process that led to its mutual approval. The interface between the State Highway System and the people and properties of this community is critical to our long term success. It is our strong feeling that an STA is necessary to preserve the opportunities we so avidly pursue. Please convey our thoughts to the Oregon Transportation Commission along with our urging for the contemporaneous actions.

Thank you for your excellent efforts on our behalf and for your work in continuing to improve the State transportation system.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Brubaker
Mayor

Copies: Florence City Council
Commissioner Anna Morrison
Senator Joanne Verger

