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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF OREGON

OCT 16 2024

RESOLUTION TO SURRENDER JURISDICTION OF  
DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS TO THE STATE OF  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK  
RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners recognize the substantial decrease in timber receipts from federal lands, which account for more than 50% of our land base and note that these lands are **NOT** taxable. Many factors including Congressional mandates have dramatically reduced harvest on federal lands. This has greatly diminished our capacity to adequately fund infrastructure projects as the County has in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners acknowledge that over the last 30 years, state and federal partners have significantly reduced funding and minimized direct access to road infrastructure grants for rural counties. Federal infrastructure dollars that are available are now sent directly to state governments, thus giving the State of Oregon sole discretion over which projects get funded, which often does not provide rural communities equal access to necessary funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners note that inflation and shrinking fuel consumption has caused a reduced amount of gas tax, and combined with limited local tax bases, have required Douglas County to defer needed road improvements and routine maintenance work, resulting in a lower standard of quality for the existing road and bridge systems. Current funding levels only permit the County to maintain about 30% of the County's existing infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners are also aware of the Oregon legislative effort to change the long-standing **50-30-20 State Highway Fund Distribution Formula** that supports Oregon's public road systems. Douglas County depends on these shared revenues to fund crucial improvements and maintain critical infrastructure that all Douglas County citizens depend on such as roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike paths, traffic signals, culverts, and fish passages. Changes to the already diminishing revenue sharing model that further reduces or eliminates the County portion of gas tax revenues, would cripple the County's ability to maintain or repair the County's aging roads and bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners also recognize the increased burden of regulatory costs associated with the growing number of State and Federal agencies that regulate the maintenance, rebuilding and construction of roads and bridges in Douglas County. Agencies including, but not limited to: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of State Lands (DSL); State Department of Forestry (ODF); Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB).


**THEREFORE**, in the best interest of Douglas County and its citizens, given the proposed decrease in funding and to effectively ensure proper maintenance of County roads and bridges, the Douglas County Commissioners do hereby surrender jurisdiction to the county roads identified below and hereby return them to the absolute and complete control of the State of Oregon – Department of Transportation for all future management and maintenance.

- State Secondary Highway No. 200, M.P. 42.08 – M.P. 47.73
  - County Road #116 (Territorial Hwy), M.P. 0.00 -5.65
    - Curtin Road M.P. 0.00 – M.P. 0.78
    - Territorial Highway M.P. 0.78 – M.P. 5.65
- State Secondary Highway No. 230, M.P. 0.09 – M.P. 41.46
  - County Road #1 (Tiller Trail Hwy), M.P. 0.09 – M.P. 41.46
    - Stanton Park Road M.P. 0.09 – M.P. 2.09

- Main Street M.P. 2.38 – M.P. 3.15
- Third Street M.P. 3.15 – M.P. 3.74
- Tiller Trail Highway M.P. 3.74 – M.P. 41.46
- State Secondary Highway No. 234, M.P. 0.35 – M.P. 22.71
  - County Road #388 (Old Hwy 99), M.P. 0.35 – M.P. 13.50
    - Old Highway 99 North M.P. 0.00 – M.P. 1.11
    - NE First Street M.P. 1.11– M.P. 1.42
    - SE First Street M.P. 1.42– M.P. 1.47
    - SE Front Street M.P. 1.47– M.P. 1.66
    - Old Highway 99 North M.P. 1.66 – M.P. 3.42
    - N State Street M.P. 3.42 – M.P. 4.11
    - S Calapooia Street M.P. 4.20 – M.P. 6.32
    - Old Highway 99 North M.P. 6.32 – M.P. 11.32
    - Old Highway 99 North M.P. 12.12 – M.P. 12.34
    - NE Stephens Street M.P. 12.34 – 13.50
  - County Road #400, M.P. (Old Hwy 99). 18.56 – M.P. 22.17
    - SE Stephens Street M.P. 18.56 – 19.04
    - Old Highway 99 South, M.P. 19.04 – 22.17
- State Secondary Highway No. 235, M.P. 0.00 – M.P. 8.15
  - County Road #387 (Old Hwy 99), M.P. 0.00 – M.P. 8.15
    - SW Main Street M.P. 0.00 – 0.62
    - Old Highway 99 South M.P. 0.00 – 8.15
- State Secondary Highway No. 236, M.P. 0.02 – M.P. 7.67
  - County Road #389 (Eagle Valley Road), M.P. 0.02 – M.P. 7.67
    - N Cedar Street M.P. 0.02 – M.P. 0.20
    - S Cedar Street M.P. 0.20 – M.P. 0.64
    - Eagle Valley Road M.P. 0.64– 7.67
- State Secondary Highway No. 237, M.P. 0.35 – M.P. 5.40
  - County Road #386 (Old Pacific Hwy), M.P. 0.35 – 5.12
    - North Old Pacific Highway, County Road #386, M.P. 0.35– 0.65
    - N Main Street M.P. 0.65– 0.82
    - S Main Street M.P. 0.82– 1.71
    - North Old Pacific Highway M.P. 1.71– 4.19
    - South Old Pacific Highway M.P. 4.19– 5.12
  - County Road #20n (Pruner Road), M.P. 5.12 – 5.40
    - South Old Pacific Highway M.P. 0.00– 0.25

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Oregon, on this 16th day of October 2024.

  
 Board Chair, Commissioner Chris Boice

  
 Commissioner Tim Freeman

  
 Commissioner Tom Kress

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
 Douglas County Counsel

DATE: Oct. 16, 2024