

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION
NO: 14-05-06-05

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING AN
AMTRAK STATION WITHIN THE CITY OF
OAKRIDGE, OREGON

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks to enthusiastically support the development of new passenger rail related infrastructure within Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has a particular interest in participating in the economic revitalization of Oakridge, Oregon, a city disproportionately affected by the decline in federal timber harvest; and

WHEREAS, Oakridge has become a destination for recreationalists and other visitors; and

WHEREAS, since 1926 the Union Pacific Railroad has been a significant presence in Oakridge, operating a railroad yard and providing a gateway to the Cascade Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak began operations of the Coast Starlight on May 1, 1971, a passenger rail line that provides through Oakridge, but does not stop within Oakridge; and

WHEREAS, Oakridge has not enjoyed passenger rail service since the late 1970's; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge began identifying a need for an Amtrak Station with its Transportation System Plan, dated December, 2000; and

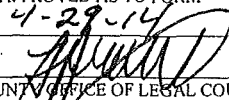
WHEREAS, Amtrak has determined sufficient ridership exists to justify a passenger stop in Oakridge; and


WHEREAS, the Oakridge City Council has specifically requested Lane County's general support for this project in advance of its next meetings with Union Pacific Railroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. To support the development of a passenger stop and station within Oakridge Oregon, and
2. To provide a copy of this document to those who will play a role in the decision making regarding siting, funding, and operating a passenger rail station within Oakridge, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 4-29-14

LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL


Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners