

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting a Request) RESOLUTION
for Bridge Funding from the United) #R-21- 007
States Congress)

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on April 14, 2021, at the request of Chris Laity, Public Works Director. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised of the representations of the above-named person, and the records and files herein, finds as follows:

1. Tillamook County is experiencing more frequent and more severe storm events than in past years. The county's transportation system is unable to handle these events. The county has had several roads wash out due to catastrophic culvert failures. Many of these culverts were formally bridges. Improving the resiliency of the transportation system is a priority of Tillamook County.
2. The Tillamook County Road Department was primarily funded with federal timber revenue at 72% and is now at 8% (projected for FY 2021-2022). The Road Department is unable to fund bridge projects without financial assistance.
3. Tillamook County is part of the Salmon SuperHwy, a collaboration of private, local, state, and federal agencies. The Salmon SuperHwy's mission is to restore access to 180 miles of blocked fish habitat. Undersized county culverts are often barriers to fish passage. The Salmon SuperHwy has successfully replaced ten county culverts with bridges over the last ten years.
4. The Salmon SuperHwy does not have adequate funding for all restoration projects on private and public lands.
5. The United States Congress has and is developing programs such as "Community Funding Projects" that may be used to replace undersized culverts with bridges that will reduce catastrophic failures, increase resiliency, support the local economy, support local landowners, and remove in-stream barriers.

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NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that:

- The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners hereby supports requests for funding to improve the transportation system's resiliency, including, but not limited culvert to bridge projects.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2021.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
<hr/> Mary Faith Bell, Chair	—	—	— / ✓
 <hr/> David Yamamoto, Vice-Chair	✓	—	— / —
 <hr/> Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner	✓	—	— / —

ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil
County Clerk

By: 
Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William K. Sargent, County Counsel

