



# TUALATIN

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

September 19, 2016  
Washington County Board of Commissioners  
155 North First Ave. Suite 300  
Hillsboro, OR. 97214

Greetings Chair Duyck and Commission Members,

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage the Washington County Board of Commissioners to adopt a vehicle registration fee in order to meet the growing needs of our transportation infrastructure in Washington County.

Since 2013, our Business Advocacy Council has been in favor of an increase in the vehicle registration fee as a means to support road maintenance. We urge you to adopt a vehicle registration fee to augment the current gas tax revenue as a way to fund the growing road maintenance needs.

Ongoing maintenance of our transportation infrastructure makes sense from a safety and financial perspective. It is significantly less expensive and fiscally responsible to maintain the roads, culverts and bridges that we have instead of replacing them if and when they fail.

We are aware that the leadership in the Oregon State Legislature is working to create a state-wide transportation package for the 2017 session. However, if these efforts fail, we ask that Washington County position itself by adopting a vehicle registration fee increase of \$43 per year to fund improving the safety of our roads, bridges and culverts. If the legislature delivers funding that matches or exceeds the \$43 level for the County vehicle registration fee, we ask that the County rescind the fee.

In closing, transportation continues to be one of the most important issues affecting our business community. The Tualatin Chamber is made up of 420 member businesses that represent more than 14,000 employees, over half of the City's workforce. We advocate for policies on behalf of our members that will help Tualatin create a business friendly environment so that businesses can create jobs.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and for the opportunity to express the sentiment of the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Moholt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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