

**RESOLUTION NO. 2129**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDS THROUGH  
THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2010-2013  
PROJECT SOLICITATION FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRENCH  
PRAIRIE BRIDGE.**

WHEREAS, Metro is soliciting projects for regional flexible funding through the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP); and

WHEREAS, seven and a half million dollars of the available funding for the region has been designated specifically for bicycle and pedestrian projects; and

WHEREAS, cyclists and pedestrians in Wilsonville can only cross the Willamette River by traveling several miles out of direction or by taking the significant risk of using the Interstate-5 Bridge and traveling on a six-lane freeway with no separation from high-speed trucks; and

WHEREAS, a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing of the Willamette River is identified as a need in the City of Wilsonville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan adopted in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville's Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted in 2007 recommends consideration of "pedestrian/bicycle bridge of the Willamette River" at Boones Ferry Park; and

WHEREAS, a new bridge crossing of the Willamette River in the vicinity of the historical Boones Ferry river crossing (the "French Prairie Bridge") will improve multi-modal access from the Portland metro region through the Willamette Valley and south to Eugene by providing safe and convenient passage across the Willamette River for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the French Prairie Bridge will make critical connections for the Tonquin Trail, the Champoeg Trail, the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, and for cyclists traveling to Wilsonville and the French Prairie area by WES, the TriMet commuter rail service opening in October 2008; and

WHEREAS, the French Prairie Bridge will be an off-street bicycle and pedestrian pathway paralleling Interstate-5 which is a Metro-designated regional mobility corridor; and

WHEREAS, the MTIP solicitation identifies a specific application category for improvements in Regional Mobility Corridors; and

WHEREAS, within the Regional Mobility Corridors application category the evaluation criteria specifically includes off-street improvements, including trails; and

WHEREAS, the cities and jurisdictions within Clackamas County are allowed to submit a total of five project applications in response to this MTIP solicitation and no more than four of these projects can be for construction phase funding and no more than one of these projects can be for project development phase funding; and

WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Transportation Advisory Committee supports the City of Wilsonville in submitting an application in the amount of \$1,250,000 for MTIP Regional Flexible Funding for the French Prairie Bridge project in the project development funding category; and

WHEREAS, project development of the French Prairie Bridge is consistent with long-range City objectives as set forth in the above Master Plans;

WHEREAS, the submission deadline for the MTIP solicitation is July 15, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. City of Wilsonville staff is authorized to develop and submit to Metro an application for Regional Flexible Funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 for project development of the French

Prairie Bridge in response to Metro' solicitation for projects for the 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular Council meeting thereof this 7th day of July, 2008 , and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.

  
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CHARLOTTE LEHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Kirk	Yes
Councilor Knapp	Yes
Councilor Ripple	Yes
Councilor Núñez	Yes

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: July 7, 2008  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors  
FROM: Kristin Retherford, Urban Renewal Project Manager  
SUBJECT: Metro's Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends City Council endorse an MTIP flexible funding request in the amount of \$1,250,000 for project development of the French Prairie Bridge.

**Background:**

Both Metro and ODOT prepare Transportation Improvement Programs. By federal regulation Metro's TIP (MTIP) must be included without change in ODOT's program (STIP). The MTIP/STIP must also be financially constrained to reasonably anticipate funding sources. Because the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan exceeds the funds available at any one time, Metro oversees a project nomination, ranking and selection process as new transportation funds become available. The current update is allocating \$20 million for FY2010 - FY2013 regional flexible funds. Under federal regulations, Metro is the agency designated to allocate federal transportation funds within the Portland metropolitan area.

A maximum of four projects requesting funds for construction and one project requesting funds for project development are allowed to move forward through the current regional selection process from Clackamas County. The Clackamas County Transportation Advisory Committee is supportive of the City of Wilsonville application for project development funds for the French Prairie Bridge project in the amount of \$1,250,000. The French Prairie Bridge project is in the Regional Transportation Plan and on Metro's list of financially constrained projects.

Application materials are due to Metro on July 15, 2008. Metro encourages applicants to adopt a resolution stating the intentions of the governing body with regard to project priority for the regional flexible fund.

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Kristin Retherford  
Urban Renewal Project Manager

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