

RESOLUTION No.

35591

Encourage Metro Council to approve funding for widening the sidewalks on the Hawthorne Bridge as part of the deck reconstruction and bridge repainting project in 1997-98 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Bridge carries over 2200 bicyclists per day and over 2000 pedestrians per day, and

WHEREAS, lack of good bicycle and pedestrian access to Willamette River bridges has been identified as a primary barrier to more frequent bicycling and walking, and

WHEREAS, the current sidewalks are of substandard width at only 6 feet wide, and

WHEREAS, the substandard width causes numerous conflicts and is inadequate for shared use by bicycles and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is preparing to undertake a project to reconstruct the Hawthorne Bridge deck and repaint the bridge, for an estimated \$20 million, and

WHEREAS, a full 12-month bridge closure will allow for a more cost-effective project that may save enough money to fund the sidewalk widening, estimated at \$1.3 million, and

WHEREAS, the 12-month closure savings will not be fully known until the bids are opened in the Fall of 1997, leaving the question of sidewalk widening uncertain, and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County identified the Hawthorne Bridge sidewalk widening as a top priority in the Willamette River Bridges Access Project in 1994, and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Planning Rule requires Portland to reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled by 10% over the next 20 years, and the inadequacy of the Hawthorne Bridge sidewalks are a barrier to meeting that goal, and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is a regional partner in meeting the Transportation Planning Rule's requirements and in improving livability for all Portland residents, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to work with Multnomah County to assure completion of this crucial bicycle and pedestrian link, and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council will soon be approving funds for regional transportation projects, and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Bridge sidewalk widening project was highly ranked in Metro's last regional transportation funding allocation, and

WHEREAS, while the reconstruction of the Broadway Bridge Lovejoy Ramp is the City's highest priority for funding, the City of Portland views the Hawthorne Bridge sidewalk widening as the highest priority for bicycle and pedestrian improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, Oregon, that the City Council strongly encourages the Metro Council to approve funding for Multnomah County to ensure widening of the sidewalks on the Hawthorne Bridge

Adopted by the Council

Commissioner Charlie Hales
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BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland
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Barbara Olson Deputy

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NOTED BY		Francesconi	Francesconi	✓	
City Attorney		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Auditor		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Engineer		Sten	Sten	✓	
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