

RESOLUTION NO. 913

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2482

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2482 is directing the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way exchange that would be authorized by this legislation, would clear the way for a paved road, pursued for more than 30 years by Prineville, in Crook County, OR, to connect their community with U.S. Highway 20. Such a road would substantially enhance the economic development potential for Prineville, a community suffering from 15 percent unemployment, by providing an alternative route for passenger and commercial traffic traveling between Portland and Boise, Idaho.

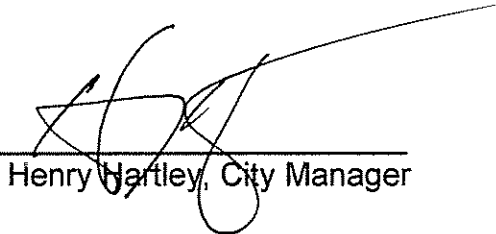
WHEREAS, it would also encourage commerce in Prineville by efficiently directing traffic to the Prineville/Crook County Industrial Parks, areas set aside for the sole purpose of promoting industrial diversification within Crook County and by increasing traffic to these areas, the opportunity to promote and increase their occupancy would be greatly improved, and

WHEREAS, it has been identified the new right-of-way would be a means of reducing environmental impacts associated with the existing road, reducing traffic congestion, improving the northwest-southeast connections between the state's wealthiest and poorest regions, and offering the community the chance to retain its largest employers so as to address some the economic woes of the region.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the improvement of the Millican/West Butte Road as addressed in Senate Bill 2482 is supported by the City of Prineville.

Adopted by the City Council this 11th day of June, 2002.

Approved by the Mayor this 11th day of June, 2002.


Henry Hartley, City Manager


Stephen P. Uffelman, Mayor