Resolution No. 2534

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OREGON DISTRICT 4 REGIONAL HIGHWAY PLAN AND URGING THAT HIGHER PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO CERTAIN PROJECTS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR PLAN.

WHEREAS, a draft Regional Highway Plan has been prepared by the Oregon District 4 Council of Governments for the purposes of prioritizing District 4 State Highway projects and unifying area support for such projects within the State Highway Six-Year Plan, and

WHEREAS, the draft regional plan seeks to give particular emphasis to projects which will enhance economic development, and

WHEREAS, the project known as OR-99E Queen Avenue to Tangent (Phase I) is recognized in the draft regional plan as having regional significance and therefore, is recommended for construction funding in 1988, and

WHEREAS, said project is currently in the final design and right-of-way acquisition stage and is thus capable of construction in 1987, and

WHEREAS, the Albany Redevelopment Agency has committed substantial funds to this project due to its beneficial impact on Albany's Economic Development/Urban Renewal District, including greatly improved access to much of Albany's industrial corridor and two large developable industrial park sites, and

WHEREAS, said project will also improve safe and efficient access to and from Linn-Benton Community College, a significant regional facility, and

WHEREAS, 99E between Queen Avenue and Tangent in its current condition is a high accident prone section, is subject to flooding, is in serious disrepair, and is a deterrent to development of adjacent industrial and commercial property,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that the construction of OR-99E Queen Avenue to Tangent (Phase I) be recommended for construction in fiscal year 1987 for the reasons stated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that improvements to the intersection of Santiam Highway (U.S. 20) and Pacific Boulevard (OR 99E) be given high priority in the State Highway Six-Year Plan due to the extraordinary and escalating conditions of congestion and high accident rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Albany endorses all other provisions of the draft Regional Highway Plan.

DATED THIS 24th DAY OF April

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder