## RESOLUTION NO. 3820

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A \$30,000 SMALL PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN STATION FOUNDATION FOR MASTER PLANNING FOR RENOVATION OF THE ALBANY AMTRAK STATION.

WHEREAS, the Willamette Valley is one of the most rapidly growing regions in the United States, home to over 75 percent of Oregon's people; and

WHEREAS, Albany is at the heart of the Willamette Valley, acting as a major transportation hub, with people traveling to and from our community from the east, west, north, and south; and

WHEREAS, automobile congestion is increasing; and it is important for the economic and environmental health of our community to provide convenient, reliable, and accessible transportation alternatives to the automobile; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Amtrak station has served our community since 1909. It currently is the depot for two trains and four Amtrak buses both north and south each day; and

WHEREAS, Albany has identified renovation of this train station and creation of a transportation center that increases access to rail, bus, transit, bicycle, and local automobile trips through several community efforts and studies; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Station Foundation is committed to supporting renovations of train stations throughout the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that it authorizes City staff to apply for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 for completion of the site master plan for renovation of the Albany Amtrak station and the regional multimodal transportation center from the Great American Station Foundation.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 1997.

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ATTEST City Recorder

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