

RESOLUTION NO. 6288

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ALBANY'S SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is considering the location of a passenger rail line to serve the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific rail line currently serving the Valley is the least expensive and least obstructed route of the alternatives being considered by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has invested more than \$9 million to construct and maintain a railroad passenger depot and associated parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany operates the Linn-Benton Transit Loop from a central location at the rail passenger depot connecting Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College, and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is now a member of the newly formed Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, which will work with the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to address area transportation needs, and

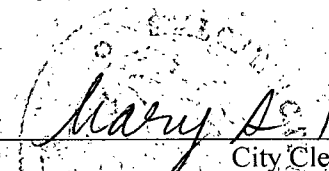
WHEREAS, the proximity of the Union Pacific Line to Interstate 5 allows for efficient connection to other modes of transportation and is closest to population centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council unanimously supports maintaining rail passenger service on existing Union Pacific right-of-way.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2013.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
  
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City Clerk