

**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF REDMOND TO PARTNER WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FOR A SOUTH US 97 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UTILIZING FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has a goal of business vitality and safety on the US 97 corridor in Redmond from Highland to the southern city limits (*South US 97 Corridor*); and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has a goal of mobility, safety and economic development on the same corridor in Redmond; and

WHEREAS, both the City of Redmond and the ODOT recognize that the likelihood of being able to fund a *US 97 Reroute Phase II* in the next twenty years is highly unlikely; and

WHEREAS, the *South US 97 Corridor* will need to continue to serve both as a state facility (supporting regional and statewide trips) and a local facility (supporting local trips as well as local access to adjacent commercial lands) for the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the *South US 97 Corridor* requires major pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation within the next seven years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond and ODOT have been working in collaboration with a Project Advisory Committee comprised of business owners and property owners on the *South US 97 Corridor* as well as community representatives for the past four years to develop a mutually agreed upon conceptual solution for the future design of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, this group of stakeholders (City of Redmond, ODOT and Project Advisory Committee) agreed upon the following vision for the corridor, "the *South US 97 Corridor* is a vibrant business district that is safe and accessible to shoppers traveling by car, bus, bike or on foot. The corridor is aesthetically pleasing and provides opportunities for business and community interaction. Traffic moves efficiently and at a reasonable speed in both the north-south and east-west directions"; and

WHEREAS, this group of stakeholders (City of Redmond, ODOT and Project Advisory Committee) have agreed upon the following goals for the corridor, "1) Create a shared vision for the future for the corridor; 2) Garner significant public involvement; 3) Identify needed public infrastructure improvements; 4) Develop recommendations for transportation and safety improvements; 5) Establish an urban design plan and development standards to create a visually appealing business district; 6) Identify high crash locations, crash types that are most common, and risk factors, to develop and implement appropriate safety countermeasures ; 7) Explore options for improving local traffic circulation and reduce local trips on US 97, including implantation of the City's SE 9th Street Arterial Link Project; 8) Improve east-west neighborhood connectivity; 9) Address local and regional transportation needs; 10) Create an access plan with specific solutions for locations of concern with realistic strategies for implementation; and 11) Develop a prioritized implementation strategy/action plan"; and

WHEREAS, this group of partners (City of Redmond, ODOT and Stakeholder Advisory Committee) have agreed upon the following guiding principles, "1) Property owners and public are engaged; 2) Public input is respected and considered; 3) Public funds are invested

efficiently and effectively; 4) Recommendations are flexible enough to allow for future development and redevelopment; 5) East-West connectivity is improved; 6) Corridor aesthetics are improved; 7) Implementation and maintenance plans have clear roles and responsibilities; 8) The resulting plan and capital program improves corridor conditions; 9) Business vitality of the corridor is protected and enhanced; 10) Safety is improved for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians; 11) All modes of travel, including transit, are accommodated"; and

WHEREAS, this group of partners (City of Redmond, ODOT and Stakeholder Advisory Committee) gathered during a two-day design charrette on October 29 and October 30, 2013, to work on a design concept that would achieve the above stated vision, goals and principles; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has Federal Highway funds to expend on project design for South US 97; and

WHEREAS, ODOT wants to continue the partnership and collaboration demonstrated by the City of Redmond, ODOT and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee over the past four years, by investing the Federal Highway Funds in the design of a South US 97 Improvement Project incorporating the work up to this date and ground-proofing it through survey, engineering and urban design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Redmond as follows:

SECTION ONE. The City Council demonstrates its support for ODOT's expenditure of Federal Highway Funds on the design and engineering of a South US 97 Improvement Project in partnership with the City of Redmond.

SECTION TWO. The City of Redmond shall participate on the Steering Committee and Project Management Team and the established S US 97 Stakeholder Advisory Committee will participate as a Project Advisory Committee.

SECTION THREE. The City of Redmond recognizes that this effort should be focused on practical, affordable, and common sense decisions that achieve best value for both the short term and long term.

SECTION FOUR. This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this ____ day of ____, 2014.

George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Morse, City Recorder