BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution Declaring a Suspension on the Establishment of New County Roads.  

WHEREAS, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 has been amended and reauthorized for federal fiscal year 2008-2011 ("Forest Safety-Net"), and

WHEREAS, the Forest Safety-Net legislation provides a decreasing revenue stream over the life of the act and sunsets in federal fiscal year 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Safety-Net funding constitutes over 20% of Deschutes County’s annual dedicated road fund revenue, and

WHEREAS, reauthorization of the Forest Safety-Net and receipt of any associated federal funding beyond federal fiscal year 2011 is uncertain, and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Oregon Legislature approved a six-cent-a-gallon increase in the state’s gasoline tax (to be fully implemented after two consecutive quarters of employment growth or January 1, 2011, whichever comes first) and increases in various motor vehicle fees, and

WHEREAS, these tax and fee increases will bring an additional $3 million to Deschutes County when fully implemented, and

WHEREAS, although the motor vehicle revenue will increase, people are driving less resulting in less-than-budgeted revenues, and

WHEREAS, even with the motor vehicle tax and fee increases, the five-year projection of road fund revenues shows that Deschutes County will not have adequate resources to maintain and preserve the existing county road system, and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County’s Transportation System Plan, section 5.2, policy 8.b. states: Deschutes County shall not add any miles of new road to the system unless the following issues are satisfied:... b. the county can financially absorb the additional maintenance requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. That the County hereby suspends the establishment of new County Roads until county road funds are deemed adequate in the judgment of the Board to meet the maintenance and preservation needs of the county road system, subject to Section 4.

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Section 2. That the County will accept petitions for the creation of new Local Improvement Districts provided full maintenance responsibility for the improved road is assured by a special road district or incorporated homeowners association.

Section 3. That the County will not accept any local roads created by new development into the County maintained system until county road funds are deemed adequate in the judgment of the Board to meet the maintenance and preservation needs of the county road system.

Section 4. That the Board may establish roads that are functionally classified as Arterials or Collectors.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall supersede Resolution 2006-049.

Dated this 5th of October, 2009

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

TAMMY BANEY, CHAIR

DENNIS R. LUKE, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

ALAN UNGER, COMMISSIONER