

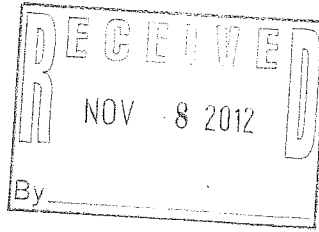


City of King City

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Martha Bennett
Chief Operating Officer
Metro
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Dear Ms. Bennett,

I am writing to request an exemption from the Regional Transportation Functional Plan.

The city's contract planner and I met with Metro staff this past April to discuss the city's particular situation and the potential benefits of the city of King City developing its own transportation system plan. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that a TSP for King City would be of minimal value. The following responses to the TSP exemption criteria in Section 3.08.640 of the Metro Code support this conclusion:

The city's transportation system is generally adequate to meet transportation needs.

- King City only has jurisdiction over local streets within the city. All major streets are under the jurisdiction of Washington County or ODOT.
- The local street system generally is fully improved with sidewalks and walkway connections.
- The King City Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code include Metro street design requirements for connectivity and reduced pavement widths. Other than the major streets outside the city's jurisdiction, city streets are all very walkable and interconnected with adequate capacity to accommodate existing and anticipated traffic.

Little population or employment growth is expected.

- The city expects additional growth, but relative to the region, this growth is not significant.
- The city has and will continue to coordinate closely with Washington County and ODOT regarding long range planning and development review and the potential impacts on the transportation system.
- The major streets within and adjacent to the city primarily carry regional traffic, and the impact of development within the city represents only a small percentage of the total travel demand.
- The city expanded as a result of Urban Reserve Area 47 (west of SW 131st Avenue) coming into the UGB in 2000. The city has responsibly planned and guided development in this area consistent with regional planning objectives. Although additional land west of the city may

eventually come into the UGB and the city in the future, the city has no current plans or desire to do so. Naturally, any expansion would occur in coordination with Metro and partner jurisdictions.

Exempting the city would not make it more difficult to accommodate regional or state transportation needs.

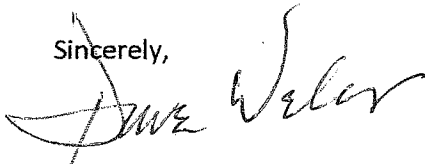
- Because of the city's small size and lack of regional transportation facilities, the lack of a city TSP would have no impact on the region's ability to meet its transportation needs.
- The city has continuously been involved and collaborative on local and regional planning issues with Metro and local government partners.

Exempting the city would not make it more difficult to achieve performance objectives in Section 3.08.010A.

- As noted above, the city has worked consistently to provide for and improve facilities that accommodate walking, bicycling, and transit within the city. Creating a King City TSP would not provide any additional benefit, primarily due to the city's lack of jurisdiction over any major transportation facilities.
- Preparing a TSP would require the commitment of precious budget and staff time that would be very difficult for a small jurisdiction to absorb. In addition, it was agreed during the above mentioned staff meeting that resources would be better spent updating the King City Comprehensive Plan, which is only partially consistent with the Region 2040 Growth Concept and the planning concepts being developed as part of the SW Corridor project. Updating the Comprehensive Plan, which is not fully aligned with regional planning objectives, would provide much more support to achieve the region's planning and transportation objectives compared to creating a TSP of limited scope and value.

I appreciate Metro's willingness to consider granting this exemption for the city of King City. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if there is any additional information that I may provide. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Wells". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Wells

City Manager

cc: Keith Liden, City Planner