

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE
SALMONBERRY TRAIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (STIA) REBUILDING
AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE)
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency (STIA) wishes to complete the RAISE grant application for final submission by Tillamook County for funds to develop the Salmonberry Trail section through the City of Rockaway Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockaway Beach desires to express its support for STIA's application to the grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Section 1. The City of Rockaway Beach City Council hereby demonstrates its support for Tillamook County's submittal to the US Department of Transportation for a RAISE grant for the development of the Salmonberry Trail in the City of Rockaway Beach, and authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council, attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THE 14TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2024.**

APPROVED


Charles McNeilly, Mayor

ATTEST


Melissa Thompson, City Recorder



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February 14, 2024

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Rockaway Beach City Council's Endorsement for the 2024 RAISE Grant Application for the Salmonberry Trail

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City Council of Rockaway Beach, Oregon, I write to express our unwavering support and enthusiasm for the 2024 RAISE Grant application for the Salmonberry Trail project. **Our Council, alongside our community, has been devotedly working to advance this project, recognizing its potential to significantly enhance our city's appeal, safety, and connectivity.**

The vision for the Salmonberry Trail as a rails-with-trails project aligns perfectly with Rockaway Beach's strategic goals for economic development, community well-being, and environmental stewardship. We are excited about the prospect of this trail transforming our local businesses by increasing foot and bicycle traffic, thus offering a new avenue for economic growth and vitality.

Moreover, the implementation of the Salmonberry Trail promises to create safer crossings for our Middle and High School students. By providing a dedicated and safe path for walking and biking, we are not only ensuring the safety of our youth but also promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle among them.

The trail will also serve as a crucial link within our community, offering residents and visitors alike a safe and enjoyable way to explore and engage with all that Rockaway Beach has to offer. From our stunning natural landscapes to our vibrant local businesses, the Salmonberry Trail will make our city more accessible to everyone, fostering a greater sense of community and belonging.

We have been tireless in our efforts to see the Salmonberry Trail project come to life, recognizing its transformative potential for Rockaway Beach. It is with great anticipation that we support this grant application, eager to witness the manifold benefits it will bring to our city and its residents.

Thank you for considering the importance of the Salmonberry Trail to Rockaway Beach and for your support in making this vision a reality. We are committed to continuing our work on this project, confident in its capacity to enhance the quality of life and economic prosperity in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles McNeilly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles McNeilly
Mayor
City of Rockaway Beach, Oregon