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**Subject:** Trip 97 Plan and County Vehicle Registration Option

Hi Emily and Susanna

**Can you forward the attached materials for today's FWG agenda, from the Trip 97 Partnership ?**

Sorry to catch up on today's report slowly, but I have been out of town

*In June I proposed that the FWG should consider a County Vehicle Registration Fee **VRF that would create a dedicated regional fund for the US 97 corridor..** This concept comes from the Trip 97 Partnership plan, and is modeled on the Multnomah County VRF for regional bridges, dedicated to the Sellwood Bridge and Willamette River bridge replacement.*

- The 9-13-18 Evaluation does not assess a dedicated VRF for the US 97 Corridor. It evaluates the Washington County VRF model, which shares proceeds to county and city jurisdictions . That's valuable but its not what TRIP 97 proposes.
- Regional and state funding sources are critical for coordinated improvements in all communities on US 97. Bend is especially impacted US97 because of the unfinished 97 North end bottleneck , plans to update the Parkway, potential high capacity transit corridors, and its economic base depending on good regional and statewide access.

*I think the FWG needs a briefing on the Trip 97 work, since funding regionally important connections will take wider cooperation in the TSP funding strategy, , outside of Bend's city limits.*

<http://www.trip97.com/websites/3/pages/18>

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