

**TESTIMONY OF RETIRED JUSTICE R. WILLIAM RIGGS  
BEFORE THE WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
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Let me introduce myself: I am a retired justice on the Oregon Supreme Court. I have been an Oregon judge for over 40 years and have participated in many land use cases over the years. I am a land-owner and reside in Wilsonville and Clackamas County.

I would like to talk briefly about Goal One of the Oregon Land Use Law because Goal One is a fundamental requirement of decision makers in dealing with all land use matters. Goal One requires that the citizens be involved in all phases of the planning process. This key feature of the law was probably one of the principle reasons the Legislature enacted the land use laws in the early 1970's. Unfortunately, what we have here is best described as a "cart before the horse" process seemingly designed to avoid public participation and careful scrutiny of the many issues that require examination and debate before the state seeks the \$37 million dollar FAA grant. As far as I know, the Wilsonville City Council, so far, is the ONLY opportunity for meaningful public comment and participation as required by Goal One. The Legislative Emergency Board seems prepared to request the grant by retroactively approving the funding request without the necessary public two-way communication.

What should happen here is that the Council should request the Governor to withdraw the \$37 million dollar request until meaningful citizen concerns about infrastructure, environment, property value impacts, and many other important aspects can be considered. In other words, the state needs to put the horse before the cart. **THANK YOU.**