

RESOLUTION NO. 5126

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALBANY TO SUBMIT A TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT (TGM) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ALBANY RAIL SYSTEM STUDY.

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Growth Management Program has grant funds available to prepare transportation and land use plans to respond to pressing transportation-related growth management issues; and

WHEREAS, Albany wishes to develop and include a rail component in Albany's Transportation System Plan; and

WHEREAS, City residents currently experience prolonged delays due to blockage of at-grade rail crossings throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, such delays and blockage contribute to a variety of problems including reduced emergency vehicle access, loss of productivity, and increased pollution from idling vehicles; and

WHEREAS, development of a rail bypass has been identified as a possible method of reducing delays and blockage at the rail crossing as well as providing improved access into riverfront properties by reducing the number of at-grade crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Rail System Study would evaluate the operation of, and current and future relationships between, the rail and street systems within the City; and

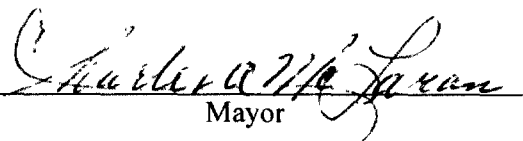
WHEREAS, the TGM grant application will request \$225,000 to fund the Albany Rail System Study; and

WHEREAS, a local match of at least 12 percent of the total project cost is required, which may be in the form of staff time or other expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany approves and endorses the submittal of a grant application to ODOT for the Albany Rail System Study.

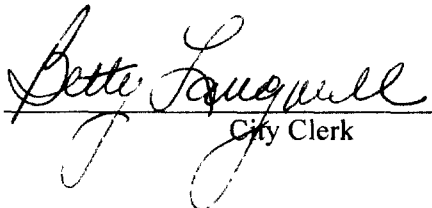
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY 2005.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk