



OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Dear Neighbor,

We, your State Legislators, wish to express our shared concern and opposition to the Oregon Transportation Commission's recent decision to spend \$250,000 to replace signs in the process of renaming Beltline highway after the late Randy Pape. We learned of the Transportation Commission's decision at the same time as the general public, through news media, and had no role in approving the request.

We want to emphasize that in our opposition we mean no disrespect to the Pape family or Randy Pape's good name. As an appointed citizen member of the Oregon Transportation Commission and community philanthropist, he did much for our local community and state that was deserving of honor.

Yet, we also feel the need to respect and honor Oregon taxpayers, many of whom have expressed their opposition and clearly resent the Oregon Transportation Commission's decision to spend this type of money during these difficult times.

We have each called on the Governor to seek private funding for the signs. We have been told that the Department of Transportation will consider our request.

We will continue to press this matter with the Department and the Governor's office.

Yours truly,

Chris Edwards
State Senator

Nancy Nathanson
State Representative

Val Hoyle
State Representative