

April 12, 2010

Oregon Transportation Commission
Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Street N.E.
Salem, OR 97301-3871

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to request the Commission consider designating Beltline Highway a corridor honoring Randy Pape instead of the re-naming it the Randy Pape Beltline Highway.

The designation of traffic corridors has been used in various locations in the state. An excellent example would be the Jason Boe Corridor. In 1997, the legislature directed the Oregon Department of Transportation to designate a portion of Highway 38 from Scottsburg to Reedsport as the Jason Boe Corridor. Informational road signs were placed on each end on the corridor identifying it as the Jason Boe Corridor.

This approach would follow a current model for recognizing an individual or group. In this case, it would maintain the current name of the existing highway, Beltline Highway and still pays tribute to Randy Pape.

The only cost would be manufacturing and installing informational signs on the side of the road at each end of the Beltline.

We believe this approach would be acceptable to most Oregonians and will carry out the desires of the Commission to recognize Randy Pape's contributions to the state.

Very truly,

_____/s/_____
Senator Floyd Prozanski

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Representative Paul Holvey

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Senator Chris Edwards

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Representative Nancy Nathanson

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Representative Phil Barnhart

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Representative Val Hoyle