

Resolution No. 2015-12-22

Toll-free West County Bridge Task Force Resolution

1 A resolution by the Clark County Board of Councilors to create a task force to advance  
2 a toll-free West County Bridge.

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4 **Because** our bi-state community continues to suffer daily from a worsening chronic  
5 failing level of service due to an insufficient number of Columbia River Bridges; and  
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7 **Because** one of the crucial solutions to that problem is to build an additional toll-free  
8 West County Bridge;  
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10 **Because** the majority of Clark County citizens voted to support an additional toll-free  
11 West County Bridge in a 2013 county-wide advisory vote election; and  
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13 **Because** the Board, in support of the citizens, adopted seven guiding principles in the  
14 toll-free East County Bridge Policy Resolution on December 22, 2015, to be upheld as  
15 foundational to any new Columbia River Bridge project; and  
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17 **Because** a local dedicated Task Force focused on expediting a viable community  
18 supported project would complement, expedite, serve as a resource, and help facilitate  
19 the success of the legislators in Oregon and Washington and the Bi-State Coordination  
20 Committee so that a practical bridge may be funded and fast-tracked; and  
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22 **Because** that Task Force would provide for collaboration between the communities of  
23 Washington and Oregon; and  
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25 **Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the  
26 Board concluded that adoption of this policy would be in the best interests of the  
27 economic wellbeing, public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:  
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29 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS OF**  
30 **CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**  
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32 The Board adopts these findings and commits to form and sponsor a toll-free West  
33 County Bridge Task Force.  
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35 The bridge must be simple, cost effective, free of voter rejected tolls and light rail,  
36 designed to maximize the free flow of cars, trucks, and buses, and safely convey  
37 bicycles and pedestrians to existing trails.  
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39 The purpose of the Task Force is to pull together resources; research, study, analyze,  
40 collaborate, and then provide a written recommendation consistent with this resolution  
41 for a practical community supported design that can be fast-tracked, funded, and  
42 constructed in a timely manner.

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44 The expected timeframe for meetings would be approximately every two weeks for six  
45 months, or as modified by the Task Force.

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47 Task Force is to consist of leaders in Oregon and Washington committed to the success  
48 of the mission.


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50 The total number of members is approximately ten, or as modified by the Task Force.

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52 Representatives from each jurisdiction in both states shall be invited to participate in the  
53 Task Force including one Clark County Councilor and local representatives from  
54 Oregon and Washington.

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56 The Task Force shall determine its own structure, membership, and arrangements to  
57 best fulfill its mission.

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59 **ADOPTED** this 22 day of December, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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David Madore, Chair

66 ATTEST:

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68 Deputy Jana Redlinski  
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70 Clerk of the Board

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Tom Mielke, County Councilor

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