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PROPOSED
WEST COUNTY TOLL FREE BRIDGE RESOLUTION 2013-07-27

A Resolution to create a policy of the Board of Commissioners to support a proposed New Toll-Free West County Bridge as defined in this resolution.

Because the Clark County Board of Commissioners represent the Citizens of Clark County as voting or representative members of Clark County Transit (C-TRAN), the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWWRTC), the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC); and

Because the Clark County Board of Commissioners want to effectively determine citizen preferences as it relates to their authority as voting members of those Boards; and

Because over \$170 million in transportation funds were spent on the Columbia River Crossing project before it was closed down as directed by Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee; and

Because any major transportation project should start by asking the people if they would support the proposed direction; and

Because the Clark County Board of Commissioners believes that the wishes of the electorate in this instance are best represented by a County-wide vote, which is referred to as an advisory vote; and

Because this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the Board of County Commissioners concluded that adopting such a policy would be in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

The Board should adopt a policy to propose and support a West County Toll-Free Columbia River Bridge WHICH WOULD:

1. Provide a third free-flowing highway between Oregon and Washington that enhances interstate commerce, relieve traffic congestion across the I-5 Columbia River Bridge; and
2. Better connect Clark County with Highway 26, Terminal 6 and Highway 30, moving trucks and cars away from the I-5 crossing; and
3. Ensure that the total cost for the whole project will be less than \$900 million including all studies and planning, and that the bridge will remain toll-free in order for the Board of Commissioners to support the project; and

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- 4. Allow commercial freight to easily access commercial destinations; and
- 5. Contain at least two to three through lanes in each direction plus shoulders for cars, trucks and buses plus paths for bicycles and pedestrians; and
- 6. Meet or exceed Columbia River navigation clearances by a Railroad lifting span only; and
- 7. Be a model of integrity, transparency, forthrightness; and
- 8. Utilize a publicly-owned property to serve as the new crossing; and
- 9. Allowing construction to take place with minimum disruption to businesses and traffic; and
- 10. Genuinely seek input from local elected representatives and citizens through open dialog and meaningful two-way interactions to improve the design to best serve the citizens; and
- 11. Once a clear project is defined, including the financing plan, allow Clark County citizens to voice their approval or rejection of the project in a county-wide advisory vote election.

This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Attest:

Board of Clark County Commissioners:

Rebecca Tilton,
Clerk to the Board

Steve Stuart, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:
ANTHONY GOLIK

Clark Co. Prosecuting Attorney
By his Deputy, Lori L. Volkman

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

David Madore, Commissioner

41 Advisory Vote #5
42 NEW WEST COUNTY TOLL-FREE BRIDGE
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44 Should the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed Resolution
45 2013-07-27 which supports a West County Toll-Free Bridge?

46 YES NO

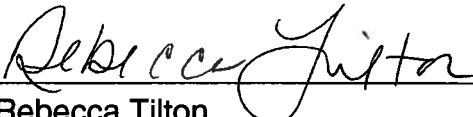
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48 The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the
49 foregoing ballot measure is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include an
50 explanatory statement and arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot
51 measure. The preparation of the explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con
52 committees and the preparation of arguments advocating approval and disapproval of
53 the ballot measures is authorized as provided in RCW Chapter 29A.32 and the rules
54 and guidelines of the County Auditor. The names of the committee members appointed
55 shall be provided to the Auditor by August 8, 2013 and arguments for approval or
56 disapproval of the ballot measure shall be provided to the Auditor by August 15, 2013.
57 The explanatory statement shall be prepared by the Prosecuting Attorney and filed with
58 the Auditor on or before August 16, 2013.
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60 This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.


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62 **ADOPTED** this 5th day of August, 2013.

Attest:

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