

RESOLUTION 2015-12-23



Light Rail Policy Resolution

A Resolution adopting a policy of the Board of Councilors to oppose every Light Rail project in Clark County unless it is first supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people.

**Because** the Clark County Board of Councilors, as representatives of the Citizens of Clark County, serve as members of various governing boards that may consider Light Rail transportation projects; and

**Because** C-Tran Proposition One funding for Light Rail operation and maintenance was rejected in the November 2012 General Election; and

**Because** the citizens of Clark County were not able to express their consent in an advisory vote before more than \$200 million was spent on the Columbia River Crossing project based on Light Rail, bridge tolls, and billions of dollars in debt before the project was closed down as directed by Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee; and

**Because** the following question was put to the voters as Advisory Vote # 1 in the November 2013 county-wide General Election:

“Should the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve proposed Resolution 2013-07-17 which opposes any Light Rail project in Clark County unless it is first supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people?”; and

**Because** the majority of citizens in that election voted Yes and the Board desires to faithfully represent the will of the people and do as they directed; and

**Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the Board of County Councilors concluded that adoption of this 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 COUNCILORS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

The Board hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained in the recital clauses above as findings supporting this resolution.

41 The Board hereby adopts a clear policy to oppose every Light Rail project in Clark County unless  
42 it is first supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people; and

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44 To uphold this policy, Board members who wish to faithfully represent the will of the people,  
45 should uphold this policy as board members of C-Tran, the Southwest Washington Regional  
46 Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), and the Joint  
47 Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Bi-State Coordination Committee,  
48 and any other body that deals with transportation issues; and

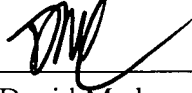
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50 The Board of Clark County Councilors adopts the above transportation principles, philosophies,  
51 and policies to guide the Board's priorities, advocacy positions, practices, and plans.

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53 ADOPTED this 22 day of December, 2015.

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55 BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
56 FOR CLARK COUNTY

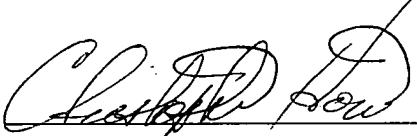
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59 Deputy Ina Redluni  
60 Clerk to the Board

By:   
David Madore, Chair

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63 Approved as to form only:  
64 ANTHONY F. GOLIK  
65 Prosecuting Attorney

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Jeanne Stewart, Councilor

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Tom Mielke, Councilor