

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Clark County Council

DATE: July 19, 2022

REQUESTED ACTION: County Council approval of a resolution stating Clark County Council priorities for the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program.

___ Consent X Hearing ___ County Manager

BACKGROUND

The Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program recently released their recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for replacement of the existing I-5 Interstate Bridge between Clark County and Oregon. The LPA will be further evaluated through an environmental review process, though which the IBR Program is soliciting public comment that will help determine how to move forward. The Council requested preparation of a resolution that will provide that input.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed resolution states the following policy priorities:

- Support for a replacement I-5 Interstate Bridge (Bridge) that supports relief of traffic congestion and ensures seismic safety;
- Opposition to Clark County residents paying for construction, maintenance, and operation costs of MAX light rail on the Bridge and into Clark County;
- Support for C-TRAN's bus rapid transit system;
- Support for creation of a truck-only lane (TL) for improved freight mobility;
- Support for a fourth passenger vehicle through-lane; and
- Support for community partners to begin work in support of a third bridge crossing between Clark County and Oregon.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

None.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation

	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.
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CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

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24 WHEREAS, the LPA will be further evaluated through an environmental review
25 process, through which the IBR Program is soliciting public comment that will help
26 determine how to move forward; and

27 WHEREAS, the Clark County Council provides public input through adoption of
28 this Resolution.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE,

31 BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE CLARK COUNTY
32 COUNCIL, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

33 Section 1. The Clark County Council supports replacement of the I-5
34 Interstate Bridge in a manner that supports relief of traffic congestion and seismic safety.

35 Section 2. The County Council does not support Clark County residents
36 paying for construction, maintenance, and operating costs of MAX light rail, or capital
37 associated outside of C-TRAN or Clark County cities established co-locations. Any light
38 rail projects in Clark County that requires funding by Clark County residents either
39 through a tax increase, or transferred from currently established funding through the C-
40 TRAN PTBA must first be supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide vote of
41 the people. The Council supports C-TRAN's bus rapid transit system because of its cost
42 effectiveness, its effectiveness in serving riders throughout the area and its agility in
43 responding to evolving transportation needs of the area.

44 Section 3. The County Council additionally supports creation of a truck-only
45 lane (TL) on the I-5 bridge replacement that will separate heavy freight-carrying trucks

46 from passenger vehicles, reducing safety conflicts by eliminating mixed flow operation
47 between the vehicle classes, and increasing freight mobility across the bridge.

48 Section 4. The County Council also calls for a fourth passenger vehicle
49 through-lane on the I-5 bridge replacement in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and
50 all of the associated negative impacts of traffic congestion.

51 Section 5. The County Council further urges community partners to begin
52 work in support of a third bridge crossing the Columbia River between Clark County,
53 Washington, and Oregon.

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ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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Clerk to the Council

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Approved as to Form Only:

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