

RESOLUTION NO. 1291

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF A 2013 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PACKAGE.

WHEREAS, a healthy transportation system is a critical foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as the nation's most trade-dependent state; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's transportation system is suffering from disrepair, with a backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, and data showing that without any new investments, more than half the pavement on our state roads and highways will be in poor condition by 2023; and

WHEREAS, failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight-carriers to transport people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Connecting Washington Task Force released a report in early 2012 identifying \$50 billion in unfunded transportation needs and recommending an investment of \$21 billion in state funding during the next 10 years for maintenance, preservation, and strategic investments; and

WHEREAS, investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our Ports, and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, through **SHB 1954**, **SHB 1955** and related bills, the 2013 Washington State Legislature is considering a 12-year, \$9.5 billion package of transportation infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, this package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state, including Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package also provides a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for Edmonds to help maintain local roadways and arterials and to leverage existing funding; and

WHEREAS, the package also includes local transportation financing options that cities and counties can enact and/or submit to their voters for transportation improvements in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the package also provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state, including the Highway 99 corridor in Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, the package also provides funding to help pay for construction of the Sunset Walkway project in Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package additionally invests in grant programs that are vital for cities and counties, including the Transportation Investment Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets," Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety; and

WHEREAS, the package also includes direct funding allocations for transit agencies, including Community Transit, that would otherwise have to make drastic cuts in routes which carry people to work sites and serve local communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds strongly encourages the Washington State Legislature to enact a balanced transportation investment package, in Olympia, during the Special Session to create jobs, relieve congestion, support our businesses, and maintain our quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Edmonds City Council takes an official position in strong support of a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding options for local governments.

Section 2. The Edmonds City Council strongly encourages lawmakers to approve and enact this package in Olympia.

ADOPTED by the Edmonds City Council this 4th day of June, 2013.

APPROVED:



MAYOR, DAVID O. EARLING

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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