

1 **Toll-free East County Bridge Task Force Resolution**

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3 A resolution by the Clark County Board of Councilors to create a task force to advance
4 a toll-free East County Bridge.

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6 **Because** our bi-state community continues to suffer daily from a worsening chronic
7 failing level of service due to an insufficient number of Columbia River Bridges; and

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9 **Because** one of the crucial solutions to that problem is to build a new toll-free East
10 County Bridge;

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12 **Because** the majority of Clark County citizens voted to support a toll-free East County
13 Bridge in two county-wide advisory vote elections commissioning the Board to clearly
14 support, provide leadership, and champion a toll-free East County Bridge project; and

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16 **Because** the Board, in support of the citizens, adopted the toll-free East County Bridge
17 Policy Resolution on December 22, 2015; and

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19 **Because** that adopted policy specifies seven voter approved guiding principles to be
20 upheld as foundational to any new Columbia River Bridge project; and

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22 **Because** a local dedicated Task Force focused on expediting a viable community
23 supported project would complement, expedite, serve as a resource, and help facilitate
24 the success of the legislators in Oregon and Washington and the Bi-State Coordination
25 Committee so that a practical bridge may be funded and fast-tracked; and

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27 **Because** that Task Force would provide for collaboration between the communities of
28 Washington and Oregon; and

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30 **Because** the mayors of Troutdale, Fairview, and Wood Village, Oregon asked to join as
31 partners with Clark County to pursuit toll-free East County Bridge for reasons expressed
32 in exhibit A; and

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34 **Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the
35 Board concluded that adoption of this policy would be in the best interests of the
36 economic wellbeing, public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:

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38 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
39 **COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**
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41 The Board adopts these findings and commits to form and sponsor a toll-free East
42 County Bridge Task Force.

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44 The bridge location is to be located somewhere between the I-205 Bridge and
45 Troutdale.

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47 The bridge must be simple, cost effective, free of voter rejected tolls and light rail,
48 designed to maximize the free flow of cars, trucks, and buses, and safely convey
49 bicycles and pedestrians to existing trails.

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51 The purpose of the Task Force is to pull together resources, research, study, analyze,
52 collaborate, and then provide a written recommendation consistent with this resolution
53 for a practical community supported design that can be fast-tracked, funded, and
54 constructed in a timely manner.

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

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

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62 The number of members is expected to be around ten, or as modified by the Task
63 Force.

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65 Representatives from each jurisdiction in both states shall be invited to participate in the
66 Task Force including one Clark County Councilor and representatives of Troutdale,
67 Fairview, Wood Village, Oregon.

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

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72 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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