

1 **PROPOSED**
2 **BUS RAPID TRANSIT RESOLUTION 2013-07-19**

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4 A resolution to create a policy of the Board of Commissioners to oppose every Bus
5 Rapid Transit project in Clark County unless it is not first supported by a majority of the
6 voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people.
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8 **Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners, as representatives of the Citizens
9 of Clark County, serve as members of various governing boards that may consider High
10 Capacity Transit Bus Rapid Transit transportation projects; and
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12 **Because** the 20-year Transit Development Plan adopted by C-Tran was based on the
13 Columbia River Crossing High Capacity Transit project with Light Rail and Bus Rapid
14 Transit that was closed down as directed by Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee; and
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16 **Because** that plan to connect Bus Rapid Transit to Portland Light Rail at a High
17 Capacity Terminus in Clark County is now obsolete; and
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19 **Because** the 20-year C-Tran plan includes spending up to \$407 million on Bus Rapid
20 Transit projects that will require additional tax increases; and
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22 **Because** the 20-year C-Tran Plan states that High Capacity Transit shall not be funded
23 by diverting existing C-Tran revenues from current operating and capital costs; and
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25 **Because** the C-Tran Adopted Policy states that “any means chosen to finance
26 operations of the HCT component of the CRC project shall be submitted to the impacted
27 C-TRAN voters for approval”; and
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29 **Because** a sales tax increase to fund Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail operation and
30 maintenance was submitted to the voters and rejected in the November 2012 General
31 Election when voters defeated C-Tran Proposition One; and
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33 **Because** a new 20-year C-Tran plan must be defined based on clear policies that are
34 supported by the affected citizens; and
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36 **Because** the Board of Commissioners wish to seek and respect voter input in a county-
37 wide advisory vote in advance of any board vote on any Bus Rapid Transit project
38 before millions of dollars are spent on it; and
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40 **Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the
41 Board of County Commissioners concluded that adoption of this policy would be in the
42 best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:
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44 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
45 **COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**
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47 It should be the policy of the Clark County Board of Commissioners to clearly oppose
48 every Bus Rapid Transit project in Clark County unless it is first supported by a majority
49 of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people; and
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51 To uphold this policy as board members of C-Tran, the Southwest Washington Regional
52 Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), and the
53 Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).
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55 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2013.
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Attest:

Board of Clark County Commissioners:

Rebecca Tilton,
Clerk to the Board

Steve Stuart, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:
ANTHONY GOLIK

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

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

David Madore, Commissioner

1 **RESOLUTION 2013-07-20**

2 **TO PLACE BUS RAPID TRANSIT RESOLUTION 2013-07-19 ON THE BALLOT**

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4 **A Resolution** to place an advisory vote on the November 2013 General Election ballot
5 to ask citizens for their position on a Bus Rapid Transit policy as described in Proposed
6 Resolution **2013-07-19**.

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8 **Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners, as representatives of the Citizens
9 of Clark County, serve as members of various governing boards that may consider Bus
10 Rapid Transit transportation projects; and

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12 **Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners wishes to be informed of citizen
13 support of a proposed Bus Rapid Transit policy resolution; and

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15 **Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners wishes to respect and faithfully
16 represent their constituents to the extent possible in advance of Bus Rapid Transit
17 board votes; and

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

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23 **Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the
24 Board of County Commissioners concluded that placing the issue on the ballot for an
25 advisory vote would be in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of
26 the Citizens, now therefore:

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

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31 The Board requests that the Auditor of Clark County conduct an election on November
32 5, 2013 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County, for their approval or
33 rejection, Resolution 2013-07-19 which opposes Bus Rapid Transit; and

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35 The Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 6,
36 2013, to the Auditor a copy of said resolution and the proposition to be submitted at that
37 election in the form of ballot title as follows:

41 Advisory Vote # 2
42 BUS RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY VOTE
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44 Should the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve proposed Resolution 2013-
45 07-19 which opposes every Bus Rapid Transit project in Clark County unless it is first
46 supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people?
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48 YES NO
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50 **Section 3. Authorization of Local Voters' Pamphlet.** The preparation and distribution
51 of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the foregoing ballot measure is
52 hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include an explanatory statement and arguments
53 advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure. The preparation of the
54 explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees and the preparation of
55 arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measures is authorized as
56 provided in RCW Chapter 29A.32 and the rules and guidelines of the County Auditor. The
57 names of the committee members appointed shall be provided to the Auditor by August 8,
58 2013 and arguments for approval or disapproval of the ballot measure shall be provided
59 to the Auditor by August 15, 2013. The explanatory statement shall be prepared by the
60 Prosecuting Attorney and filed with the Auditor on or before August 16, 2013.
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62 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
63 adoption.
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65 **ADOPTED** this 5th day of August, 2013.

Attest:



Rebecca Tilton,
Clerk to the Board

Board of Clark County Commissioners:



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