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

A resolution to create a policy of the Board of Commissioners to oppose every Bus Rapid Transit project in Clark County unless it is not first supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people.

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

Because the 20-year Transit Development Plan adopted by C-Tran was based on the Columbia River Crossing High Capacity Transit project with Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit that was closed down as directed by Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee; and

Because that plan to connect Bus Rapid Transit to Portland Light Rail at a High Capacity Terminus in Clark County is now obsolete; and

Because the 20-year C-Tran plan includes spending up to \$407 million on Bus Rapid Transit projects that will require additional tax increases; and

Because the 20-year C-Tran Plan states that High Capacity Transit shall not be funded by diverting existing C-Tran revenues from current operating and capital costs; and

Because the C-Tran Adopted Policy states that "any means chosen to finance operations of the HCT component of the CRC project shall be submitted to the impacted C-TRAN voters for approval"; and

Because a sales tax increase to fund Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail operation and maintenance was submitted to the voters and rejected in the November 2012 General Election when voters defeated C-Tran Proposition One; and

Because a new 20-year C-Tran plan must be defined based on clear policies that are supported by the affected citizens; and

Because the Board of Commissioners wish to seek and respect voter input in a county-wide advisory vote in advance of any board vote on any Bus Rapid Transit project before millions of dollars are spent on it; and



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 21st day of January, 2014.
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Attest:

Board of Clark County Commissioners:



Rebecca Tilton,
Clerk to the Board

Steve Stuart, COMMISSIONER

Approved as to Form Only:
ANTHONY GOLIK



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



Tom Mielke, CHAIR

David Madore, Commissioner