



RES. 2013-02-03

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE
COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING (CRC)
LIGHT RAIL TOLLING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the nearly \$10 Billion long-term cost of the CRC will result in significant losses of state and federal funding opportunities for the transportation infrastructure needs of our region; and

WHEREAS, new fees and taxes will likely be required and imposed upon our citizenry without the opportunity for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, there is abundant evidence of widespread and overwhelming public opposition including the recent general election where the majority of voters defeated a measure to fund light rail; and

WHEREAS, more appropriate transportation priorities can provide more effective solutions to relieve traffic congestion, save significant cost and potentially gain better public support; and

WHEREAS, we (as elected officials) are obligated to speak up for our citizenry and to protect vital future funding sources; and

WHEREAS, it is important for elected officials to stand up and be counted on what may be the largest transportation project in state history,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The Clark County Commission hereby directs the County Administrator to notify all of those concerned with the CRC, including ODOT, WDOT, TriMet, RTC, C-Tran, Metro, the City of Portland, the City of Vancouver, the Washington and Oregon Governors' offices, both State Legislatures, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration and Congressional delegates that:

The Clark County Commission strongly objects to the efforts to commit any funding to the Columbia River Crossing Light Rail Tolling project as currently planned;

And

That Clark County urges all other Oregon and Washington cities and counties to stand up and be counted on this very important matter.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2013.

David Madore, Clark County Commissioner

Tom Mielke, Clark County Commissioner

