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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, supporting Referendum Bill 51, financing transportation improvements through transportation taxes and fees, at the November 5, 2002, State General Election.

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed House Bill 2969 authorizing new taxes and fees for transportation improvements; and,

WHEREAS, HB 2969 directs the Secretary of State to place the Referendum on the General Election ballot in November; and,

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years, two million more vehicles have been added to our roads and the amount of freight and goods traveling throughout the state has doubled; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to move people and goods on our transportation system is essential to the livability and economic vitality of our state; and,

WHEREAS, there have been no increases in the State gas tax since 1991 to provide funding for major state transportation improvements and the state has realized a reduction of 21% in overall state funding for transportation as a result of initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to retaining and attracting companies that provide economic viability and family-wage jobs to the Puget Sound region and the State of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, R-51 will guarantee money for every city and county to help fix potholes, repair dangerous road conditions and improve the safety of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, R-51 will require that quarterly audits be conducted to ensure all R-51 revenues are spent properly and projects are delivered on-time and on-budget, and,

WHEREAS, funding from Referendum 51 would contribute to necessary transportation improvements that will provide significant mobility and economic benefits for the citizens, employers and visitors of the City of Lakewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Lakewood hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of state Referendum 51, which will be presented to the voters at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

Section 2. If any sections, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of component jurisdiction, or its application held inapplicable to any person, property or circumstance, such invalidity or unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not effect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or its application to any other person, property or circumstance.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 9th day of September, 2002.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Horst, City Attorney

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