

Resolution No. 2015-11

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, supporting a 2015 Transportation Revenue Package as proposed in Senate House Bill 5987, 5995 and related bills.

WHEREAS, a healthy transportation system is the foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as the nation's most trade-dependent state; and,

WHEREAS, Pierce County is the second most populated county in the State and growing at a rate that exceeds the capacity of the roads and transportation services that currently are in place; and,

WHEREAS, between 1986 to 2011 traffic volumes on the I-5/JBLM Corridor increased by 73 percent and has led to traffic demands that have outgrown highway capacity and the current design of is not capable of sustaining traffic volumes encountered day-to-day; and,

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2011, there were 2,341 recorded collision on the I-5/JBLM Corridor of which 62 percent involved rear end crashes and 14 percent involved sideswipe collisions which equates to 470 collisions per year or more than one per day along the 10.6 mile highway corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood's 2015-2017 Biennial Legislative Agenda requests that the state adopt a transportation revenue package that includes full funding for improvements to I-5/JBLM Corridor to relieve congestion and allow for the future economic development of the City of Lakewood and the surrounding communities; and,

WHEREAS, the I-5/JBLM Corridor and SR 509/167 are critical to moving not only daily commute traffic in the region but also goods to and from the Port of Tacoma through the region and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, eroding and inadequate infrastructure along this corridor threatens the state's economic competitiveness, safety, and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the resulting traffic congestion means that freight carrying our goods to market are stopped on I-5, our workers headed to jobs to build an economy are stopped on I-5, our citizens are stopped on I-5; and,

WHEREAS, investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our ports and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors; and,

WHEREAS, transportation investment such as the I-5/JBLM corridor matters because it helps promote our regional competitiveness in the global economic market; enhances our economic development initiatives; provides access to jobs; facilitates the movement of goods, services and people; and results in an infrastructure system that supports military, retail, manufacturing, financial, cultural and entertainment activities; and,

WHEREAS, through SHB 5987, SHB 5995 and related bills the 2015 Washington State Legislature is encouraged to approve a 16-year, \$15 billion transportation revenue package; and,

WHEREAS, this transportation revenue package provides needed funding to address congestion and mobility issues which currently threaten the reliability of transportation for the region; and,

WHEREAS, while the recent outcome from the alternative analysis spearheaded by WSDOT in partnership with Lakewood and many other regional stakeholders show that a two phase approach with an initial investment totaling \$450 million for the I-5/JBLM corridor will work; the economic benefits of the SR 509/167 improvements are well established; and,

WHEREAS, the improvements as developed by WSDOT through its recent alternative analysis will result in congestion relief and improved mobility, job creation and tax generation, economic growth and prosperity within the Pierce County region, and shorter travel time; all major and significant benefits in this key corridor; and,

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

Section 1. The Lakewood City Council takes an official position in strong support of the comprehensive transportation revenue package, including support of the I-5/JBLM corridor project and SR 167/SR 509 gateway project.

Section 2. The Lakewood City Council encourages lawmakers to approve and enact this transportation package in Olympia.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of April, 2015.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney