

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03-465

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON STATING
DECLARATION OF INTENT REGARDING SR-35 INTERSTATE BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, a bridge across the Columbia River connecting State Route 14 and the Cities of White Salmon and Bingen with Interstate 84 and the City of Hood River is a critical component of the regional transportation system and necessary to facilitate freight movement, economic development, and the general health and welfare of western Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, there exists no suitable alternative to the existing Hood River bridge with the closest crossings located approximately 25 miles or 30 minutes west (Bridge of the Gods) an 20 miles or 25 minutes east (The Dalles Bridge); and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge is nearly one hundred years old, employs an undersized deck and travel lanes that fail to meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) width standards, lacks pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and requires height and weight restrictions; and

WHEREAS, a new bridge crossing the Columbia River will be an interstate bridge with the south half located in Hood River County, Oregon, and the north half located in Klickitat County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, a new State Route 35 interstate bridge would rectify the deficiencies described above, maintain the current transportation system, and continue to meet the needs of residents and businesses that depend upon a Columbia River bridge for the next fifty to one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon wishes to clarify its long-term objective concerning a new bridge in order to inform its constituents and provide direction to its staff;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON as follows:**

The City of White Salmon Columbia River bridge objectives are as follows:

1. Advance a regional effort to replace the existing Hood River bridge;
2. Encourage the allocation of all current revenue generated by the existing bridge exclusively to its operation, maintenance, repair, and future removal.
3. Ensure a new bridge meets the transportation needs of the region and is managed to the fair and equitable benefit of all its users;
4. Engage with Hood River County, the City of Hood River, and/or the Port of Hood River to chart a regionally acceptable course of action;
5. Support the establishment of a State Route 35 bridge steering committee responsible for all planning, coordination, and decision-making concerning a new bridge and comprised of an equal number of Oregon and Washington representatives;
6. Develop a framework for long-term bi-state ownership, administration, and operation of a new bridge by the state of Oregon and Washington or their political subdivisions or by an authority, commission, or other governing body comprised of an equal number of Oregon and Washington representatives;
7. Identify the local resources, including funds and personnel, needed to support planning, financing, and constructing a new bridge and evaluate how these might be provided.
8. Secure the support of Washington State legislators and congressional representatives, applicable agencies, commissions, and boards, and any other entities in the state able to assist in the construction of a new bridge; and

9. Ensure all future revenue generated by a new bridge is entirely and exclusively used for its administration, financing, operation, maintenance, repair, and ultimate replacement.

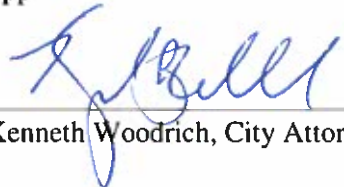
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 7th day of March, 2018.


David R. Poucher, Mayor

Attest:


Jan Brending, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form:


Kenneth Woodrich, City Attorney