

08/06/18

RESOLUTION NO. M-3975

A RESOLUTION supporting the replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge between the State of Washington and State of Oregon, guided by the principles herein.

WHEREAS, Interstate 5 is a corridor of national significance that serves the entire west coast of the United States, as well as international commerce with Canada, Mexico, and all of the countries of the Pacific Rim that access U.S. west coast sea ports; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 5 Bridge is a key economic connector to two major ports and much of the industrial land in the Vancouver-Portland Metropolitan Region; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 5 between Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, experiences some of the most severe congestion along the entire length of the Interstate 5 corridor, especially during the daily commuting periods, affecting travel time reliability and hindering the efficient movement of people and freight; and

WHEREAS, existing bi-state public transit service is inadequate to meet demand, and existing service operates in mixed traffic, which has significant negative impacts on performance and operational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, high capacity transit does not currently connect Vancouver and Portland, and high capacity transit with a dedicated guideway would provide greatly improved transit service with much better schedule reliability and service than mixed-traffic operation; and

WHEREAS, frequent crashes on the corridor and on the Bridge itself affect public safety;
and

WHEREAS, the existing Interstate 5 bridges are functionally obsolete and do not meet current seismic standards; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge is needed to support critical trade routes, address congestion, provide transportation choices, and improve safety;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

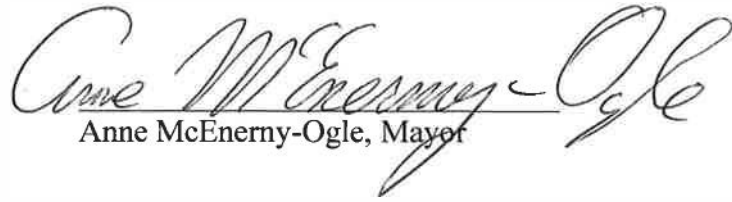
Section 1. The City of Vancouver City Council supports efforts to begin a new project development process for an Interstate 5 Bridge replacement, consisting of:

- a. A replacement bridge
- b. High capacity transit with a dedicated guideway

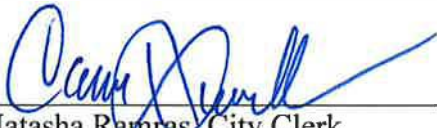
Section 2. The City of Vancouver City Council supports a multi-modal approach of highway, high capacity transit, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements to support the City's and region's travel needs.

Section 3. The City of Vancouver City Council urges Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Legislature to provide adequate funding to the Washington State Department of Transportation to materially advance project development for an Interstate 5 Bridge replacement.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Vancouver City Council this 6th day of August, 2018.


Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:



Natasha Ramras, City Clerk
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:



E. Bronson Potter, City Attorney