

## RESOLUTION NO. 1568

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE IN 2013 THAT INCLUDES NEGOTIATED REFORMS, SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PUGET SOUND GATEWAY PROJECT, AND ENHANCED FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, for Washington State's transportation system to work properly and support the State's economy, the State must provide continued funding for the system of roads, bridges, and other various modes of transportation, including transit, necessary to enable people and freight to move efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fife is a critical part of the "last mile" in the supply chain that supports importing and exporting at the Port of Tacoma for the State, the region, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the completion of SR 167 has been planned for decades; and

WHEREAS, the combined SR 509, I-5 and SR 167 Puget Sound Gateway Project will enhance and complete a crucial people and freight corridor that will send a message to the rest of the world that Washington State is investing in their infrastructure and that we value the jobs and economic impact associated with being the most trade dependent state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Gateway Project will improve regional mobility and relieve traffic congestion and enhance safety on local roads and highways by providing new and efficient travel options, thereby improving the overall system performance for freight, commuters and transit; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Gateway Project will provide critical freight links between the ports of Seattle and Tacoma and key production, manufacturing, distribution, warehouse, and industrial centers throughout the State, and will support regional and statewide job growth by allowing freight to move more reliably and economically and

WHEREAS, Fife's system of local roadways has carried the burden of freight traffic to and from the Port of Tacoma for decades in anticipation of the completion of SR167; and

WHEREAS, communities like Fife need State funding to maintain and improve their local arterials, and also rely on grant programs such as the Transportation Improvement Board and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board to provide such funding; and

WHEREAS, certain transportation spending reforms are needed to increase efficiency and accountability; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fife City Council expresses thanks to the Washington State Senate for providing an open and transparent debate on this issue that is vital to our state and regional economies.

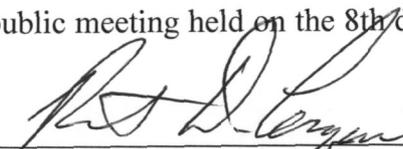
Section 2. The Fife City Council urges the State Senate to take a leadership role in negotiating a transportation funding package with both the State House and Governor's office in preparation for final adoption by the State Legislature this November.

Section 3. The Fife City Council urges the State Senate to push, but compromise on reforms that will increase the efficiency and accountability for this and future rounds of transportation investments throughout this State.

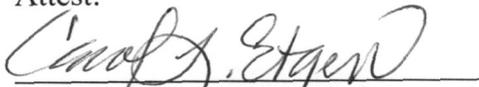
Section 4. The Fife City Council strongly urges the State Legislature to pass a transportation funding package that includes sufficient funding for the completion of the Puget Sound Gateway Project and enhanced funding for grant programs that support local transportation improvements such as: the Transportation Improvement Board and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to prepare and distribute a copy of the resolution to the Senate Transportation Committee, the House Transportation Committee, the Office of the Governor, and the offices of the District No. 25 delegation to the Washington State Legislature.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 8th day of October, 2013.

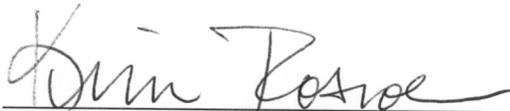
  
Robert D. Cerqui, Mayor

Attest:

  
Carol Etgen, City Clerk

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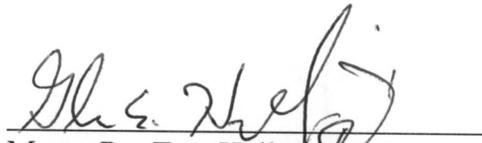
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