

**RESOLUTION NO. 1577**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE MILROY BRIDGE CLOSED TO TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS AND REQUESTING THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROHIBIT TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS ON THE MILROY BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the George Milroy Bridge over the Puyallup River at 66th Avenue East was built in 1931; and

WHEREAS, Fife's southern boundary follows the center of the river, so the north half of the bridge is in Fife while the south half is in unincorporated Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County is lead agency for the maintenance and operation of the bridge, in accordance with agreements between Pierce County and the City of Fife dated 1998 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is functionally obsolete in that it is far narrower than would be built today, with two 10-foot travel lanes, no shoulders, and too-tight radii to North Levee Road East and River Road; and

WHEREAS, the bridge has served all traffic without restriction since its opening, but growth in Fife and Pierce County have led to increased traffic over and around the bridge, and the bridge's narrow lanes make it impossible for tractor trailer trucks to use the bridge without using lanes designated for opposing traffic; and

WHEREAS, tractor trailer trucks sometimes start a turn onto or off of the bridge and cannot complete the maneuver until smaller vehicles back up, and during peak periods, a single tractor trailer truck can cause traffic delays extending through several cycles of the traffic signal at 66th Avenue East and River Road. Farm tractors and trailers have not caused such difficulties; and

WHEREAS, Fife staff have met with Pierce County staff regarding this matter and the staffs have agreed that a permanent prohibition of tractor trailer trucks on the Milroy Bridge is appropriate, and Pierce County staff recommended that the Fife City Council formally request the change; now therefore,

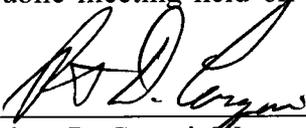
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fife City Council expresses its approval and desire that tractor

trailer trucks be prohibited from using the Milroy Bridge over the Puyallup River at 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.

Section 2. The Fife City Council requests that the Pierce County Council prohibit tractor trailer trucks from using the Milroy Bridge over the Puyallup River at 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, and authorize the placement of appropriate signage notifying the public of such prohibition.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 10th day of December, 2013.

  
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Robert D. Cerqui Mayor

Attest:

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk