

RESOLUTION NO. 1635

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON FINDING THAT THE COMPLETION OF STATE ROUTE 167 IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CITY, REGIONAL AND STATE ECONOMIES, AND ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE THE FUNDING MECHANISM NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT WITHIN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM.

WHEREAS, the completion of State Route 167 is one of the highest priority transportation corridor projects in the Puget Sound region and Washington state and is vitally important to the regional and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this corridor will benefit Puget Sound ports and will improve the competitiveness of these ports with other U.S. and Canadian ports; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle have formed the Seaport Alliance in order to effectively compete with other ports and forecasts increased container traffic, and this will require the road infrastructure for the loading, unloading and distribution of goods and products; and

WHEREAS, not completing the SR 167 project will have significant and increasingly adverse impacts on Fife's road repair costs as well as quality of life, with local streets choked with trucks and other regional traffic, and

WHEREAS, the lack of a completed 167 corridor also places major burdens on Fife businesses and their employees, adding time and money to the cost of deliveries, threatening the City's economic recruitment and retention efforts, and hindering plans to complete pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal corridors and "Main Street" segments on 54th and State Route 99, and

WHEREAS, this region is in an air quality non-attainment area, and increase in congested truck traffic will have further adverse environmental impacts on air quality, and

WHEREAS, an April 2007 study by Berk & Associates completed for the Washington State Department of Transportation estimated that the completion of State Route 167 would encourage the development of 79,000 new jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Berk study estimates that the economic benefit associated with this job growth is more than \$10 billion; and

WHEREAS, the completion of State Route 167 would result in many other benefits including greater connectivity between urban centers, more efficient use of industrial land, reduced travel times, and greater predictability in freight movements; and

WHEREAS, the State Route 167 project also includes a riparian restoration program that enhances existing wetlands and promotes natural stream processes in Hylebos Creek and Surprise Lake Tributary areas of north Pierce County which are important to improving water quality and salmon habitat; and

WHEREAS, the completion of State Route 167 has been planned by the State of Washington since the 1950s and is significantly advanced in its planning, design and right of way acquisition with the State having invested more than \$160 million to date in the project including securing more than 70% of necessary right of way and completing necessary environmental documentation; and

WHEREAS, the construction of State Route 167 was identified as a priority project by the Connecting Washington Taskforce and is supported by numerous stakeholders throughout the region and Washington state, and

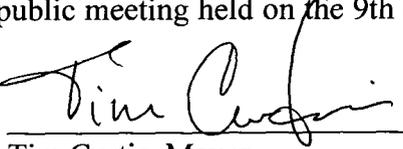
WHEREAS, it is essential to the economic vitality of the City of Fife, Pierce County, the Puget Sound region, and Washington state and to the economic prosperity of current and future generations of Washington residents that the State include a mechanism to fully fund the completion of State Route 167 in the State budget for the 2015-2017 biennium; Now Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fife City Council finds that the completion of State Route 167 is vital to the City, state and regional economy and strongly encourages the Governor and the State Legislature to include the funding mechanism necessary within the State Budget for the 2015-2017 biennium to fully complete the project.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to distribute a copy of the resolution to the Office of the Governor, the offices of the Washington congressional delegation, and to 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 9th day of December, 2014.



Tim Curtis, Mayor

Attest:



for Carol Etgen, City Clerk