RESOLUTION NO. 1211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING STATE INITIATIVE 912 AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005 BALLOT, WHICH WOULD REPEAL ESSB 6103 ADPOPTED BYTHE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX BY 9.5 CENTS OVER FOUR YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound region has been rated as being among the most heavily traffic-congested metropolitan areas in the country; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 6103, increasing the motor vehicle fuel tax by 9.5 cents to raise \$8.5 billion over 16 years to address critical regional and statewide transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 has received enough signatures to require that the Secretary of State place the initiative on the General Election ballot in November; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would if passed, would repeal ESSB 6103 and eliminate the ability of the State to fund 274 critically needed transportation improvements, including taking away funding of \$2 billion for replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct, \$572 million for improvements along Interstate 405, including new lanes between Bellevue and State Route 520 and at interchanges with State Route 167, and \$500 million for the SR 520 bridge replacement; and

WHEREAS, there have been no increases in the State motor vehicle fuel taxes since 1991; and

WHEREAS, even with the adoption of ESSB 6103, the unfunded need for transportation projects in the Puget Sound region alone as determined by the Puget Sound

Regional Council's Destination 2030 has grown to over \$25 billion; and

WHEREAS, the ability to safely and efficiently move people and goods

on our transportation system is essential to the livability and economic vitality of Puget

Sound and the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to

retaining and attracting companies that provide economic viability and family-wage jobs

to the Puget Sound region and the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, funding from ESSB 6103 would contribute to necessary

transportation projects and improvements that will provide significant mobility, safety,

economic benefits for the citizens, employers and visitors to Redmond, NOW,

THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON

HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Redmond hereby declares its opposition to

Initiative 912, which will be presented to the voters at the November 8, 2005 State

General Election.

RESOLVED this 4th day of October 2005.

AY OH REDMOND:

ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTES //AUTHENTICATED:

MACISA FILES, CHY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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September 30, 2005 October 4, 2005