

**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 1424**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
A 2015 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE-AND-REFORM
PACKAGE

WHEREAS, a healthy transportation system is a critical foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as a leader in high-technology and as the nation's most trade-dependent state; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's transportation system is suffering from disrepair, with a backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, and data showing that the hours of congestion and delay on critical freeway corridors are getting significantly worse. In 2013, the annual congestion cost per commuter on the 520 corridor was \$960, and among 520 corridor trips, "the Seattle to Redmond round trip was the most expensive," according to the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT's) 2014 Congestion Report; and

WHEREAS, failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight haulers to move people and goods; and

WHEREAS, in early 2012, the Connecting Washington Task Force released a report identifying \$50 billion in unfunded transportation needs and recommending an investment in \$21 billion in funding during the next 10 years for maintenance, preservation, and strategic investments; and

WHEREAS, through the passage of ESSB 5987 and ESSB 5988, the Washington State Senate has approved a 16-year, \$14 billion package that makes a very good down-payment on transportation package investments. The Senate-approved package also includes eight different reform bills to help ensure the state designs, permits, and builds transportation projects in the most efficient way possible; and

WHEREAS, the package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state and specifically for Redmond, particularly the completion of SR 520 and funding for the SR 520/148th Overlake Access Ramp; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package also provides a direct distribution of \$375 million over 16 years for Redmond and other cities and counties throughout the state to maintain local roadways and transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the package also includes local transportation financing options that will allow Sound Transit to take an "ST3" ballot measure to the public in 2016, and that will better allow

cities and counties to address their backlog of mobility and maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation package also invests in grant programs vital to cities and counties, including the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets," Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

(1) The Redmond City Council takes an official position in strong support of a comprehensive and balanced transportation investment package, including direct funding, grant funding, and financing options for local governments; and

(2) The Redmond City Council respectfully urges that in the refinements to a transportation package by the House and that in House-Senate negotiations, the Legislature look to include \$10.4 million for the SR 520 Regional Trail grade separation project at NE 40th Street, that lawmakers expedite the construction time frames for the SR 520/148th Overlake Access Ramp so that it can be underway in 2017-19, and that the Legislature ensure a full suite of revenue options for Sound Transit to best ensure an "ST3" ballot measure with funding

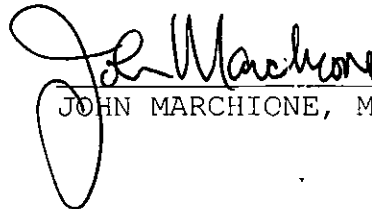
levels that connects Light Rail Transit (LRT) into downtown Redmond; and

(3) The Redmond City Council urges the Legislature and the Governor to enact and sign into law a 2015 transportation revenue-and-reform package; and

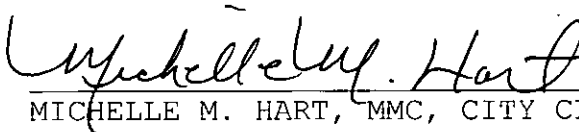
(4) This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 17th day of March, 2015.

APPROVED:


JOHN MARCHICNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHELLE M. HART, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: March 3, 2015
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: March 17, 2015
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YES: Allen, Carson, Flynn, Margeson, Myers, Shutz, Stilin