

RESOLUTION NO. 595

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF REFERENDUM 51, A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MEASURE TO HELP IMPROVE SAFETY DANGEROUS ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

WHEREAS, there are thousands of dangerous bridges, overpasses and roads throughout the state that need repair; and

WHEREAS, the state Department of Transportation identified 2,037 high accident locations where improvements are needed to save lives and 950 earthquake vulnerable bridges that need retrofitting; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties lack the funds to help fix dangerous intersections and to adequately maintain, preserve and improve city and county streets; and

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WHEREAS, traffic gridlock costs the state \$2 billion every year, drains our economy, drives out businesses and forces rush hour drivers in one of the country's most congested areas, the Central Puget Sound, to waste \$1,065 and 82 hours ~~sitting in traffic~~ every year; ~~costing the state \$2 billion every year~~; and

WHEREAS, R-51 will fund a high priority list of safety and traffic relief projects in every part of the state to help fix the most dangerous roads and bridges, relieve gridlock and improve public transportation; and

WHEREAS, R-51 will also provide additional funds to cities and counties to help repair and maintain local roads, improve street ~~every~~ safety near our schools ~~the safety of children walking or biking to school~~; and improve local bus service; and

WHEREAS, R-51 includes important checks and balances to track new revenues and the delivery of improvements from start to finish, including mandatory audits, constitutional protections and reports to taxpayers to ensure accountability; and

WHEREAS, R-51 will help make our roads, highways and bridges safer; reduce traffic congestion; improve our public transportation, rail and ferry systems; and enhance safety around our schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gig Harbor hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of state Referendum 51, which will be presented to the voters at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

RESOLVED this 26th day of August, 2002.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, MOLLY M. TOWSLEE

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