

Ms. Tammy Baney  
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*Summary of Meeting Action:*

*This letter was introduced at the November 7, 2017 meeting by Port of Vancouver Commissioner Jerry Oliver. He made a motion to place it on a future meeting agenda for action, and the motion was seconded. The final motion failed to proceed.*

Ms. Baney,

Keep Oregon Moving, HB 2017, recently passed by the Oregon Legislature mandates the Oregon Transportation Commission to seek Federal Highway Administration approval to toll portions of I-5 and I-205.

The Regional Transportation Council is concerned that this will impose an unnecessary additional burden on the 70,000 citizens of Clark County who cross the Columbia River to work in Oregon every day. This burden will be in addition to the nearly 10% of their income that they pay in income tax to the state of Oregon.

The salve of offering Clark County 3 seats on a 24 member commission is of little comfort. This sounds like 21 wolves and 3 lambs voting on what is for supper.

The proposed imposition of onerous tolling on Clark County residents is unlikely to create goodwill between the metropolitan planning organizations of our two states.

Please consider alternatives.

Sincerely,

Chair

Southwest Washington

Regional Transportation Council