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## **Resolution supporting the replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge**

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 5 is a corridor of national significance that serves the entire west coast of the United States, as well as international commerce with Canada, Mexico, and all of the countries of the Pacific Rim that access U.S. west coast sea ports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate 5 Bridge is a key economic connector to two major ports and much of the industrial land in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 5 between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington experiences some of the most severe congestion along the entire length of the Interstate 5 corridor, especially during the daily commuting periods, affecting travel time reliability and hindering the efficient movement of people and freight; and

**WHEREAS**, existing bi-state public transit service is inadequate to meet demand, and existing service operates in mixed-traffic, which has significant negative impacts on performance and operational outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, high capacity transit does not currently connect Portland and Vancouver and high capacity transit with a dedicated thoroughfare would provide greatly improved transit service with much better schedule reliability and service than mixed-traffic operation; and

**WHEREAS**, frequent crashes on the corridor and on the Bridge itself affect public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Interstate 5 bridges are functionally obsolete and do not meet current seismic standards; and

**WHEREAS**, replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge is needed to support critical trade routes, address congestion, provide transportation choices, and improve safety;

**Now, Therefore be it Resolved** that The Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO supports efforts to begin a new project development process for an Interstate 5 Bridge replacement, consisting of a replacement bridge and High Capacity Transit with a dedicated thoroughfare.

**Be it Further Resolved** that The NW Oregon Labor Council supports a multi-modal approach of highway, high-capacity transit, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements to support the region's travel needs.

**And be it Finally Resolved** that The NW Oregon Labor Council urges Governor Kate Brown and the Oregon State Legislature to analyze all options available to reduce congestion in the region, beginning with the replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018, by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO.



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