

RESOLUTION NO. 55-10

A Resolution of the Board of Mason County Commissioners supporting the findings of Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Bremerton Economic Development Study (BEDS) and endorsing the Belfair Bypass Project as the top regional transportation priority.

WHEREAS State Route 3 is a critical linkage between Bremerton and Shelton; and

WHEREAS public safety, freight mobility and economic development to the Olympic Region are tied to timely and consistent flow of traffic between Bremerton and Shelton; and

WHEREAS the State Route 3 (SR3) and US 101 highways were evaluated as a critical part of the transportation system in the Olympic Region that support the continuing growth and development of all local and regional communities; and

WHEREAS Mason County, Kitsap County, Jefferson County, local ports and cities have supported and contributed to the analysis of our transportation needs; and

WHEREAS the increased SR3 traffic congestion in the Belfair Urban Growth Area has been disruptive to businesses, service providers and residents using the highways; and

WHEREAS there is no reasonable alternative route for traffic to use and avoid the Belfair congestion; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners for Mason County wants to support continuing the work that WSDOT has started for the Belfair Bypass Project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners as follows:

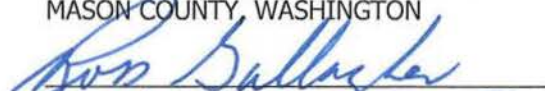
SECTION I: The Board of Mason County Commissioners hereby supports the initial findings of the Bremerton Economic Development Study, which prioritizes the Belfair Bypass Project as a top regional transportation priority and encourages Washington State Department of Transportation to continue its efforts to design, permit and construct this project as a very high priority for the region's transportation needs.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2010.

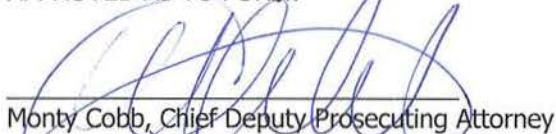
ATTEST:


Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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