

## RESOLUTION NO. 13-877

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A 2013 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PACKAGE

**WHEREAS**, the Black Diamond City Council supports legislation that promotes the City Council's goals and protects the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its residents; and

**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 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 show that without any new investments more than half the pavement on our state roads and highways will be in poor condition by 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight-carriers to transport people and goods; and

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

**WHEREAS**, investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our Ports, and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, through SHB 1954, SHB 1955 and related bills, the 2013 Washington State Legislature is considering a 12-year, \$9.5 billion package of transportation infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the package would provide critical funding for the City of Black Diamond for the roundabout at SR 169 and Roberts Drive. It would also provide funding for SR 516 (Kent-Kangley Road) Corridor and SR 169 (Maple Valley Highway) Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation package also provides a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for the City of Black Diamond to maintain local roadways and arterials and to leverage existing funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the package also includes local transportation financing options that cities and counties can submit to their voters for transportation improvements in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation package additionally invests in grant programs that are vital for cities and counties, including the Transportation Investment Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets" Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the package also includes direct funding allocations for other local transit agencies, including King County Metro and Pierce Transit, that would otherwise have to make drastic cuts in routes which carry people to work sites and serve local communities;


**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Black Diamond City Council strongly supports a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding options for local governments.

**Section 2.** The Black Diamond City Council urges the Washington State Legislature to enact a balanced transportation investment package, in Olympia, during the Special Session to create jobs, relieve congestion, support our businesses, and maintain our quality of life.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2013.**

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:

  
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Rebecca Olness, Mayor

Attest:

  
Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk