



Resolution No. 443

A resolution of the City of Forks regarding the Olympic National Park's proposed Highway 101 Rehabilitation at Lake Crescent Environmental Assessment

WHEREAS, the Olympic National Park initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the reconstruction and resurfacing of portions of State Route (SR) 101 along Lake Crescent;

WHEREAS, that EA process included a public participation component that is currently underway seeking to obtain responses and reactions to six proposed alternatives associated with SR 101;

WHEREAS, the information made available regarding the road's condition was sparse, but seemed to indicate a significant need to undertake structural improvements;

WHEREAS, the focus of attention by those that attended a public meeting outside of Forks was on the necessity of any closure of SR 101;

WHEREAS, the various proposals, except Alternatives One and Two, discussed the closure of SR 101 at various times and for various durations;

WHEREAS, the ONP requests public comment be received by no later than 7 June 2015;

WHEREAS, the City believes that a clear statement on this issue is warranted;

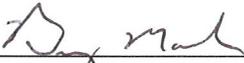
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS THAT;

1. The ONP needs to ensure that SR 101, the essential transportation corridor of the West End, remains open during this project, with some reasonable delays in travel, with the exception of when such work would require additional safety provisions to protect both travelers and workers;
2. The ONP needs to quantify the economic and social impacts to the communities of the West End to include impacts to workers, businesses, governmental operations, health care, education, and recreational activities of the communities' residents;
3. The City does not support any option that closes SR 101 for periods of time beyond a few days on an intermittent basis when needed to address safety concerns;
4. The ONP needs to address the means of mitigating the adverse economic and social impacts associated with such a long term, possibly four plus years, construction project;
5. The ONP needs to assess how the ONP, Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), and/or the federal government can provide various forms of financial assistance

and compensation to address the various economic impacts associated with this proposed project;

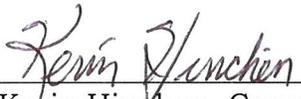
6. The ONP and the FHWA are strongly encouraged to actively engage the Forks community and its various organizations as this project continues to be evaluated and implemented; and,
7. The Mayor and staff are authorized and empowered to address this issue in the manner deemed to be most appropriate and in the best interests of the West End.

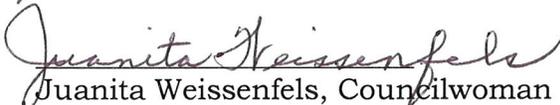
Passed by the City Council of the City of Forks on this 26th day of May 2015.

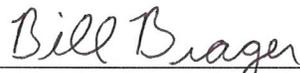

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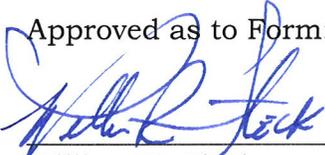

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