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RESOLUTION No. 458

A Resolution Urging the Washington State Department of Transportation  
to adopt Option 7 regarding the Elwha River Bridge

WHEREAS, the West End is dependent upon SR/US 101 for commerce, governance,  
health and community well-being;

WHEREAS, during the planning phases and actual removal of the Glines Canyon Dam,  
local officials were assured by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and  
other officials that the Elwha Bridge would not be impacted by said removal;

WHEREAS, in October of this year, WSDOT was notified by another agency of some  
changes in and about the bridge's footing;

WHEREAS, WSDOT determined that the Elwha River was undercutting the stability of  
the bridge and took immediate, emergency action to help buffer the bridge's footings from high  
water storm related flows in the Elwha River;

WHEREAS, WSDOT staff shared with the community about the issues and challenges  
facing repairing or replacing the Elwha River Bridge;

WHEREAS, the City Council participated in a presentation by WSDOT staff that  
included a range of options for consideration by WSDOT;

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to express its position regarding the options  
WSDOT is considering to adopt and implement for the future of the Elwha River Bridge;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. Of the seven options presented by WSDOT, the Council adopts as its preferred  
alternative WSDOT's Design Alternative No. 7 - New Bridge on New Alignment.

Section 2. The City requests that WSDOT reject all of the other alternatives because:

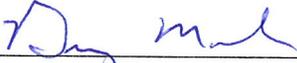
- a. None of the other alternatives ensure the continued flow of commerce and travel  
while providing for a long term, lasting solution to the current problem, as well  
as the bridge reaching the end of its useful life in a cost efficient manner;

- b. The first three design alternatives proposed would seriously undermine the West End's economic well-being and could lead to significant costs, design challenges, and safety issues; and,
- c. None of the other alternatives, but for Option Seven (No. 7), alleviates the historic dangerous alignment of the existing bridge crossing.

Section 3. Mayor and staff are authorized and empowered to aid, assist and pursue efforts that will effectuate the position of the Council in this matter.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be shared with the State's Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Chair of the Transportation Commission, and the members of the State's 24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District delegation.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Forks on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

  
Bryon Monohon, Mayor

  
John Hillcar, Councilman

ABSENT  
Juanita Weissenfels, Councilwoman

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Bill Brager, Councilman

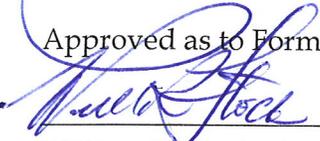
  
Jon Rreston, Councilman

  
Ken Ayers, Councilman

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