

RESOLUTION #2014-03

STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE SALEM ALTERNATIVE AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SALEM RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Salem River Crossing Oversight Team (Oversight Team) has been tasked with selecting a preferred alternative for the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Salem has recommended the "Salem Alternative" as the preferred alternative for the EIS; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Team has requested input from local jurisdictions in the area in regard to their support of the "Salem Alternative" as the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors submitted a letter on July 15, 2013 and adopted Resolution #2014-01 on January 13, 2014 with a supporting policy statement requesting that public transportation supportive amenities such as park and ride lots, transit centers, bus queue jump lanes, and transit signal priority be considered as an integral part of the design of the project; and

WHEREAS, the "Salem Alternative" would provide greater flexibility in planning and implementing public transportation service between the parts of Salem that are on both the east and west sides of the Willamette River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT,


THAT the Board of Directors hereby supersedes Resolution #2014-01 that was adopted by the Board on January 13, 2014 with Resolution #2014-03 and states as a matter of record, support for the "Salem Alternative" as the preferred alternative to be included in the Salem River Crossing Environmental Impact Statement, and

THAT the following statement be added to Oversight Team Policy Statements:

In order to avoid additional costs and design conflicts bus stop locations and construction shall be coordinated with Salem-Keizer Transit. In addition, other public transportation supportive amenities such as park and ride lots, transit centers, bus queue jump lanes, and transit signal priority will be considered as part of the design of the project.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors on this 24 day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:



Kate Tarter, Secretary
Board of Directors



Jerry Thompson, President
Board of Directors



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Salem Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution #2014-03 adopted at a legally-convened meeting of the Salem Area Mass Transit District held on the 24th day of April 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Tarter". The signature is written over a light blue rectangular background. A horizontal line is drawn across the page, passing through the end of the signature.

Kate Tarter, Secretary
Board of Directors

MEMO TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEPHEN DICKEY, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT

THRU: ALLAN POLLOCK, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2014-03 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2014-01 REVISING SALEM RIVER CROSSING BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

Issue

Shall the Board adopt Resolution 2014-03 rescinding Resolution 2014-01 revising the Board Salem River Crossing Policy Statement?

Background

The Board approved a motion on June 27, 2013 to send a letter to the SRC Oversight Team supporting the inclusion of infrastructure-related public transportation supportive amenities. These included park and ride lots, a transit center, bus queue jump lanes, and transit signal priority. The letter (Attachment A) was sent to the SRC Oversight Team on July 15, 2013. The letter, however, did not express the Board's position on the Salem Alternative that was currently under consideration by the SRC Oversight Team.

It was determined that the Salem Alternative would provide greater flexibility in service planning for the District than the original Option 4D. By adopting Resolution #2014-01 (Attachment B) at the January 13, 2014 Board meeting with the addition of a policy statement (Attachment C) supporting the requests made in the July 15, 2013 letter, the Board provided a formal statement of support for the Salem Alternative while expressing a clear expectation that public transportation supportive design elements would be included as part of the project, and be added to the Oversight Team Policy Statements.

However, when the letter (Attachment A) and policy statement (Attachment B) were presented to the SRC Oversight Team, a clear level of concern was expressed by some members of the SRC Oversight Team. As a result, the SRC Oversight Team has requested a revision be made to the policy statement submitted for inclusion by Salem-Keizer Transit. These members would prefer to have language that, in their perception, would be less prescriptive in nature and would allow for a greater level of discretion throughout the design process.

Recommended language (below) was discussed at the April 14, 2014 Board work session. As a result, a revised resolution (Attachment D) is being presented for adoption at the Board's April 24, 2014 regular meeting and will be submitted to the SRC Oversight Team.

Current Resolution:

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THAT the Board of Directors hereby states as a matter of record, support for the "Salem Alternative" as the preferred alternative to be included in the Salem River Crossing Environmental Impact Statement, and

"...THAT the following statement be added to the Oversight Team Policy Statements: Public Transportation supportive amenities such as bus stops, park and ride lots, transit centers, bus queue jump lanes, and transit signal priority will be included as an integral part of the design of the project."

Proposed Resolution:

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THAT the Board of Directors hereby states as a matter of record, support for the "Salem Alternative" as the preferred alternative to be included in the Salem River Crossing Environmental Impact Statement, and

THAT the following statement be added to Oversight Team Policy Statements:

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Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution 2014-03 rescinding Resolution 2014-01 revising the Board Salem River Crossing Policy Statement.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Board adopt Resolution 2014-03 rescinding Resolution 2014-01 revising the Board Salem River Crossing Policy Statement.