

RESOLUTION No. 30807

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Tom Rasmussen

A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle's opposition to state of Washington Initiative 912, which would repeal the 9½ cent motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase, enacted by the Washington State Legislature during the 2005 legislative session, for statewide transportation and public safety purposes, and urging voters to vote "no" on this initiative on November 8, 2005.

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WHEREAS, many organizations, including the Washington Alliance for a Competitive Economy, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation, and former Governor Locke's Competitiveness Council, have all identified transportation as a critical issue for Washington state, and have called for the state to increase its investment in transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in response to this need, the Washington State Legislature took an important step forward and enacted the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package, which included a 9½ cent per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase, of which three cents took effect in July, 2005, and additional increases that would take effect over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the gas tax increase, along with increases in vehicle weight fees, and license and permit fees, would pay for an \$8.5 billion dollar investment in transportation projects over the next 16 years in Washington state, with the largest share of funding allocated to retrofitting or replacing at-risk bridges and other transportation structures throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, state of Washington Initiative 912 (I-912), which would repeal the gas tax increase enacted by the Washington State Legislature, has been certified for the November 8, 2005, General Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would end funding for scheduled projects from the gas tax increase; would end the allocation to cities and counties of their one-half cent shares of the gas tax increase; and would end funding from the gas tax increase to state grant programs, including funding for the Small City Pavement program, Safe Routes to Schools program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety program, and the Freight Mobility Safety Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Seattle, the gas tax increase and related license and permit fee increases would have provided \$2 billion in funding toward the Alaskan Way (State Route 99) Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project, and an additional \$332 million in funding for freight mobility, congestion-relief, safety, multi-modal, and environmental improvement projects, and approval of I-912 would cut this funding from the gas tax increase; and

WHEREAS, engineers estimate that the Alaskan Way Viaduct has a 1 in 20 chance of failure in an earthquake in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, continued deterioration or failure of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the Seawall represents a known and serious threat to our region's public safety and economy; and



1 WHEREAS, the gas tax and related license and permit fee increases would also have provided \$500
2 million in funding toward the replacement of the State Route 520 floating bridge, a critical link
3 between Seattle and the east side of Lake Washington, which is similarly vulnerable to failure if an
4 earthquake should occur, and approval of I-912 would cut this funding from the gas tax increase;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the people of Seattle have repeatedly expressed support for funding local transportation
7 improvements; and

8 WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would negatively affect all corners of the state of Washington, reducing or
9 eliminating funding for over 250 transportation projects in urban and rural jurisdictions; and

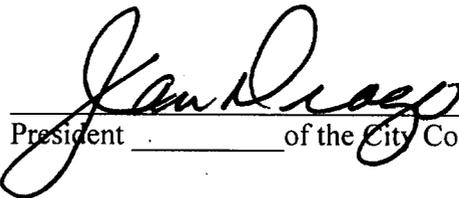
10 WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would have an enormous adverse economic impact on the state of
11 Washington by eliminating, or preventing the creation of, thousands of direct and indirect jobs
12 associated with transportation projects; and

13 WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would seriously harm the state of Washington's ability to maintain its aging
14 transportation infrastructure, putting at risk the health and safety of millions of residents; NOW,
15 THEREFORE,

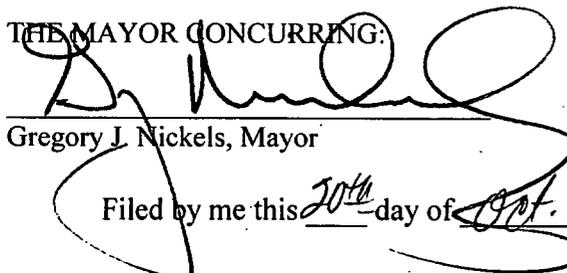
16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR**
17 **CONCURRING, THAT:**

18 The City Council and Mayor of the City of Seattle declares its opposition to state of Washington
19 Initiative 912, and urges voters to vote "no" on the initiative at the November 8, 2005 General Election.

20 Adopted by the City Council the 10th day of October, 2005, and signed by me in open session
21 in authentication of its adoption this 10th day of October, 2005.

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24 President _____ of the City Council

25 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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28 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

29 Filed by me this 20th day of Oct., 2005.

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A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle's opposition to state of Washington Initiative 912, which would repeal the 9½ cent motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase enacted by the 2005 session of the Washington State Legislature for statewide transportation purposes, and urging voters to vote "no" on this initiative on November 8, 2005.

• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution states the City's opposition to Initiative 912 (I-912) and urges voters to vote against I-912.

• **Background:**

In spring 2005, the Washington State Legislature enacted the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package, which included a 9½ cent per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase. State of Washington Initiative 912, which would repeal the gas tax increase, has been certified for the November 8, 2005, General Election ballot. Approval of I-912 would end funding for scheduled projects from the gas tax increase and would end the allocation to cities and counties of their one-half cent shares of the gas tax increase. In Seattle, approval of I-912 would cut funding from the gas tax increase for the Alaskan Way (State Route 99) Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project, as well as other important projects. Approval of I-912 would negatively affect the entire state, would have an enormous adverse economic impact, and would cripple the state's ability to maintain its aging transportation infrastructure.

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10/25/05

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle
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A RESOLUTION, stating the City of Seattle's opposition to state of Washington Initiative 912, which would repeal the 9.4 cent motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase, enacted by the Washington State Legislature during the 2005 legislative session, for statewide transportation and public safety purposes, and urging voters to vote "no" on this initiative on November 8, 2005.

WHEREAS, many organizations, including the Washington Alliance for a Competitive Economy, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation and former Governor Locke's Competitiveness Council, have all identified transportation as a critical issue for Washington state and have called for the state to increase its investment in transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in response to this need, the Washington State Legislature took an important step forward and enacted the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package, which included a 9.4 cent per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax (gas tax) rate increase, of which three cents took effect in July 2005, and additional increases that would take effect over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the gas tax increase, along with increases in vehicle weight fee, and license and permit fees, would pay for an \$8.5 billion dollar investment in transportation projects over the next 16 years in Washington state, with the largest share of funding allocated to retrofitting or replacing at risk bridges and other transportation structures throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, state of Washington Initiative 912 (I-912), which would repeal the gas tax increase enacted by the Washington State Legislature, has been certified for the November 8, 2005 General Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would end funding for scheduled projects from the gas tax increase, would end the allocation to cities and counties of their half cent share of the gas tax increase, and would end funding from the gas tax increase to state grant programs, including funding for the Small City Pavement program, State Routes to Schools program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety program, and the Freight Mobility Safety Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Seattle, the gas tax increase and related license and permit fee increases would have provided \$2 billion in funding toward the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project, and an additional \$332 million in funding for freight mobility, congestion relief, safety, multimodal and environmental improvement projects; and approval of I-912 would cut this funding from the gas tax increase; and

WHEREAS, engineers estimate that the Alaskan Way Viaduct has a 1 in 20 chance of failure in an earthquake in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, continued deterioration or failure of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the Seawall represents a known and serious threat to our region's public safety and economy; and

WHEREAS, the gas tax and related license and permit fee increases would also have provided \$500 million in funding toward the replacement of the State Route 520 floating bridge, a critical link between Seattle and the east side of Lake Washington, which is similarly vulnerable to failure if an earthquake should occur; and approval of I-912 would cut this funding from the gas tax increase; and

WHEREAS, the people of Seattle have repeatedly expressed support for funding local transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would negatively affect all corners of the state of Washington, reducing or eliminating funding for over 250 transportation projects in urban and rural jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would have an enormous negative economic impact on the state of Washington by eliminating, or preventing the creation of, thousands of direct and indirect jobs associated with transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, approval of I-912 would seriously harm the state of Washington's ability to maintain its aging transportation infrastructure, putting at risk the health and safety of millions of residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

The City Council and Mayor of the City of Seattle declares its opposition to state of Washington Initiative 912, and urges voters to vote "no" on the initiative at the November 8, 2005 General Election.

Adopted by the City Council the 10th day of October, 2005, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 10th day of October, 2005.

Jan Drago
President of the City Council
THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 20th day of October, 2005.
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City Clerk
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