

**City Of Woodland  
City Council Meeting Agenda Summary Sheet**

**Agenda Item:** Resolution No. 634 – in support of the State Transportation Investment Package

**Agenda Item #:** ( C ) Consent

**For Agenda of:** 06/03/2013

**Department:** Finance Committee

**Date Submitted:** 05/28/2013

**Cost of Item:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount Budgeted:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Unexpended Balance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS #:**  
**Description:**

**Department Supervisor Approval:** Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer / s /

**Committee Recommendation:** 5/28/2013 Finance Committee recommends approval

**Agenda Item Supporting Narrative (list attachments, supporting documents):**

Resolution No. 634 – in support of State Transportation Funding

**Summary Statement/Department Recommendation:**

Councilmember Swindell introduced this resolution in support of the State Transportation Investment package. The Finance Committee met on 5/28/2013 and voted 2-0 to recommend that the City of Woodland City Council take an official position in strong support of a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding options for local governments. Also that the City of Woodland City Council should strongly encourage lawmakers to approve and enact this package in Olympia. Recommend adoption of Resolution No. 634.

**RESOLUTION NO. 634**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF A 2013 STATE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PACKAGE**

**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 showing 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 investments; and

**WHEREAS**, this package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the state, including the City of Woodland; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation package also provides a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for the City of Woodland 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 adopt and/or 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 Improvement 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 transit agencies, including the City of Woodland that would otherwise have to make drastic cuts in routes which carry people to work sites and serve local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodland strongly encourages 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City of Woodland City Council takes an official position in strong support of a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding options for local governments.

Section 2. The City of Woodland City Council strongly encourages lawmakers to approve and enact this package in Olympia.

ADOPTED by the City of Woodland City Council this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2013.

APPROVED:

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Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

ATTEST

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Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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William Eling, City Attorney