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RESOLUTION NO. 339

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE OPPOSING FACILITIES THAT WILL INCREASE TRANSPORTION OF COAL ACROSS WASHINGTON STATE AND THROUGH THE CITY OF SHORELINE

WHEREAS, mounting evidence demonstrates the negative health impacts of coal mining, processing, transport and combustion; and

WHEREAS, air quality studies show living near major transportation routes and industrial areas correlates with higher rates of respiratory and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, studies show burning coal releases harmful greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, accelerating climate deterioration; and

WHEREAS, Washington State recognizes the negative economic, public health, and environmental impacts of climate change on this state (80.80 RCW; Executive Order No. 0905); and

WHEREAS, because of these environmental and health risks, Washington State and other states are taking steps toward reducing American dependence on coal-fired power, including the 2011 passage of the TransAlta Energy Transition Bill, making possible the retirement of the state's last coal-fired power plant by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreline previously signed the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, supporting efforts to curb global warming; and

WHEREAS, coal is commonly transported via open-top rail cars that allow the spread of coal dust and chunks of coal as well as increased diesel emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that new coal export terminals in Western Washington will result in an increase in coal train traffic of at least 9 additional trains per day through Seattle, Shoreline, Edmonds, Mukilteo, Everett, Bellingham, and other cities along rail corridors; and

WHEREAS, the building of the Gateway Pacific Terminal will negatively impact cultural and natural resources at the Cherry Point site; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has been a national leader in creating clean-energy jobs and innovating, developing, demonstrating, and marketing clean energy technologies and practices that promote sustainable global economic development, and coal export promotes damaging and unsustainable energy programs; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE THAT:

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Section 1. The City of Shoreline opposes the establishment of new coal export terminals in Washington State and supports economic growth that does not jeopardize Washington State's commitment to fight the serious impacts of climate change.

Section 2. The City of Shoreline will address impacts to public health, safety, property, and surface and groundwater caused by the transport of coal through Shoreline by actively enforcing local public health, safety, and nuisance codes.

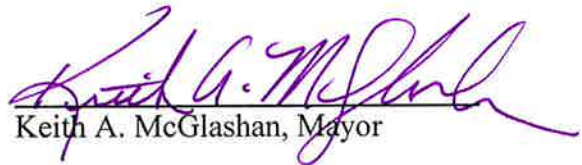
Section 3. The City Manager is directed to request that the railroad make public any plans for new or expanded rail facilities or significant rail traffic volume increases within Shoreline city limits.

Section 4. The City Manager is directed to request that the railroad provide representatives to meet periodically with local citizen groups and local government officials from Shoreline to seek mutually acceptable ways to address local concerns.

Section 5. The City Manager is directed to seek mitigation of any public safety hazards created by the transport of coal through Shoreline.

Section 6. The City of Shoreline urges the Governor and the Legislature to work on a comprehensive policy opposing coal export terminals in Washington State.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 28, 2013.


Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scott Passey, City Clerk