

**RESOLUTION NO. 391**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON URGING THE PROHIBITION OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL BY RAIL THROUGH THE CITY OF SHORELINE**

WHEREAS, the City Council has a responsibility and a duty to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline has committed itself to protecting the environment and natural resources of our community, the State of Washington, the United States of America, and the Earth; and

WHEREAS, the burning of fossil fuels in the production of energy is unsustainable and is in stark contradiction to the goals of Shoreline to mitigate and combat the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the transport and use of large volumes of crude oil is not compatible with the City of Shoreline' role as a regional and national leader in addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline encourages our citizens and visitors to reduce their consumption of fossil fuels in their daily lives to lessen the demand for crude oil; and

WHEREAS, trains carrying crude oil frequently traverse the rail lines that run through the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the volume of crude oil developed and transported by rail, emanating mainly from the Bakken shale formation in North Dakota, through and into the state of Washington is estimated to increase; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has determined that crude oil from the Bakken formation may be more volatile than traditional heavy crude oil; and

WHEREAS, rail incidents involving crude oil have increased between 2010 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, recent derailments, spills, and fires, such as the recent derailment and fire in the Columbia River Gorge area of Mosier, Oregon, as well as the multiple recent derailments, fires, and oil spills resulting in devastating destruction to both communities and the environment, including the derailment and subsequent explosion and fire in Lac-Mégantic, Québec, which caused the deaths of 47 people, the evacuation of thousands of people, and the destruction of many homes and businesses evidence the necessity to take appropriate measures to safeguard our residents and environment; and

WHEREAS, the rail lines that transport crude oil from the Bakken shale formation run through and by Shoreline' residential, natural, and commercial areas, including: parks, neighborhoods, businesses, a ferry terminal, a senior center, and along Shoreline' waterfront, marshes, and other natural areas; and

WHEREAS, a potential similar derailment, fire, evacuation, and loss of property and life would be devastating to the City of Shoreline and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline is deeply concerned about the threat to life, property, and the environment resulting from derailments leading to oil spills, explosions, and fires from the transport of crude oil by rail; and

WHEREAS, a prior resolution passed by this Council, Resolution No. 339 (2013), opposing facilities that will increase transporting coal across Washington State and through the City of Shoreline, has not been adequately addressed by the State of Washington or the United States of America, has not led to a decrease in the transportation of harmful fossil fuels through our community, and did not account for the recent increases in transportation of fossil fuels via rail through Shoreline;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1:** The City of Shoreline adamantly supports and urges the transition of energy production away from the consumption of fossil fuels and toward the implementation of a sustainable, renewable, and environmentally friendly system of energy production.

**Section 2:** The City of Shoreline opposes the transportation of crude oil via rail through the City of Shoreline, along the Puget Sound, and other populated areas.

**Section 3:** The City Council of the City of Shoreline strongly urges the United States Department of Transportation and the United States Congress to prohibit the transportation of crude oil by rail through the City of Shoreline.

**Section 4:** Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted by the City Clerk to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Secretary of Energy, and each member of the United States Congress elected from this State, including: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Representative Jim McDermott, Governor Jay Inslee, and each member of the Washington State delegation representing the City of Shoreline, including: Senator Maralyn Chase, Representative Cindy Ryu, and Representative Ruth Kagi.

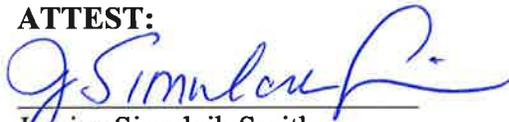
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ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 1, 2016.



Mayor Christopher Roberts

**ATTEST:**



Jessica Simulcik Smith  
City Clerk