

RESOLUTION NO. 708

WHEREAS, the state needs additional resources to meet the demand for transportation infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, opportunities exist to leverage private capital for projects such as ferry terminals through utilizing public-private partnerships to accomplish mutually beneficial goals; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission has concluded that the existing statutory framework poses a barrier to utilizing public-private partnerships in general and is not structured to effectively facilitate possible public-private partnerships (PPPs) for projects which do not involve tolling;

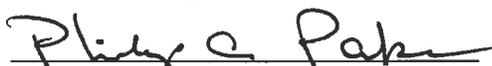
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission recommends streamlining the Public Private Partnership process for non-toll facilities by implementing the recommendations contained in the Commission's 2011 report to the Legislature titled: "Best Practices Review of Washington State Public Private Partnership Programs and Laws for Non-Toll Facility Projects." These recommendations include:

- Amending Chapter 47.29 RCW to clearly distinguish between traditional toll-based PPP projects and non-toll road PPP projects;
- Requiring oversight from the Transportation Commission for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) non-toll PPP projects that involve sale or permanent disposition of state assets or incurring obligations that could significantly bind future legislative appropriations;
- Modifying the project selection criteria, review and approval process to more appropriately fit the type and size of non-toll PPP projects; and
- Under Transportation Commission guidance and advice, authorizing WSDOT to carry out a pilot project using innovative project delivery and contracting features.

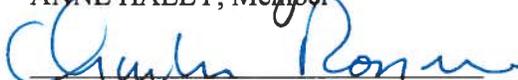
ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2013.

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