

RESOLUTION NO. 1317

A RESOLUTION RELATED TO PETROLEUM TRANSPORT BY RAIL THROUGH EDMONDS AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON; URGING ADOPTION OF STATE LEGISLATION AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS; STATE ASSESSMENT OF RISKS; RAILROAD COMPANY RESTRICTION OF PETROLEUM TRANSPORT; AND UPDATE OF CITY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANS TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF PETROLEUM TRANSPORT BY RAIL.

- WHEREAS, new technologies have resulted in the development of unprecedented amounts of both domestic and foreign oil, natural gas, tar sands, bitumen, and other petroleum products and derivatives, which will significantly increase the volume of petroleum and petroleum products moving by rail through Oregon and Washington from the first dedicated train in 2012 to a possible volume of nearly 800,000 barrels per day, if all proposed projects are built; and
- WHEREAS, the volume of petroleum-by-rail moving through our region is expected to triple to over one million barrels per week; and
- WHEREAS, the primary source of the petroleum anticipated to be transported by rail through our region is from the Bakken formation, which the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has determined may be more flammable than traditional heavy crude oil; and
- WHEREAS, the rail lines that will carry this petroleum run through and by Edmonds' neighborhoods, parks, business areas, ferry terminal, senior center and along our waterfront, marsh, and other natural areas; and
- WHEREAS, recent derailments, spills, and fires, such as the recent derailment and explosion in Casselton, North Dakota, illustrate the potential catastrophic impacts which could occur to our community and environment from the transport of petroleum by rail; and
- WHEREAS, the transport of large volumes of fossil fuels such as petroleum is not compatible with the City of Edmonds' role as a regional and national leader in addressing climate change; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds is deeply concerned about the threat to life, safety and the environment of potential spills and fires from the transport of

petroleum by rail;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, AND THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: The City of Edmonds strongly urges Washington State to adopt legislation requiring disclosure of the volumes, types of petroleum, petroleum products, and petroleum derivatives; transportation routes; and the frequency and duration of transfers of petroleum, so that the state and local communities can be fully informed of and plan for the risks posed by the transport of petroleum by rail.

Section 2: The City of Edmonds strongly urges the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to increase federal tank car design and operation regulations for petroleum product shipments and aggressively phase out older-model tank cars used to move flammable liquids that are not retrofitted to meet new federal requirements.

Section 3: The City of Edmonds strongly urges the Washington Department of Ecology and the Military Department Emergency Management Division, in collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Coast Guard and local government emergency response entities, to assess the impact to public safety, the environment, the economy, and traffic of petroleum transport by rail through the region and the State of Washington.

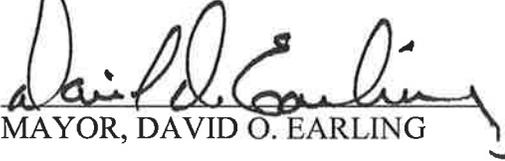
Section 4: The City of Edmonds requests that the Governor of Washington, the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, and any other relevant state agencies refrain from permitting projects that would expand the capacity for petroleum export out of the state or otherwise increase the number of trains carrying petroleum through Washington communities until the cumulative environmental and safety impacts of these projects are studied and addressed.

Section 5: The City of Edmonds requests that any railroad company that operates rail lines adjacent to the Edmonds Senior Center, the Edmonds Marsh, the Edmonds/Kingston ferry terminal, and the Edmonds waterfront consider restrictions on the shipment of petroleum products along those routes until adequate study by relevant state, local, and federal government agencies have determined that the transport of petroleum by rail meets established public safety and environmental protection standards.

Section 6: The City Council requests that Fire District One and the Emergency Services Coordination Agency (ESCA) to review and, if needed, update the incident response plans for the increasing risk imposed by the transport of petroleum by rail.

RESOLVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20/14.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR, DAVID O. EARLING

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, SCOTT PASSEY

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