

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY RAIL SAFETY AND MOBILITY STUDY ADDING FUNDS DUE TO COVID.

WHEREAS, the Port brought together diverse public agencies, industrial businesses, and the public to discuss a need to assess railroad crossing and related mobility concerns for all modes of travel throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the project's Steering Committee recommended selection of WSP as the consultant, and the Board did so in resolution 2019-54; and

WHEREAS, Part one of project is was data collection and initial ranking of intersections, and has been completed, Part two starts with public input on the previous work and includes analysis and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, when COVID hit we worked with the consultant to adapt the project for entirely socially distanced public involvement, and had delays collecting some of the necessary data; and

WHEREAS, as the economic situation progressed, we determined that our funding for Part two was no longer secure so in consultation with the Steering Committee and working with the consultant we put the contract on hold until 2021, all this has added up approximately \$34,000 in additional costs; and

WHEREAS, the Port has not yet made a financial commitment to the project, the Port has the necessary funds, and staff recommends the Port cover these additional costs as our financial commitment to the Columbia County Rail Safety and Mobility Study; and

WHEREAS, staff will continue investigating funding options for Part two,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Columbia County as follows:

The Board authorizes the Executive Director to extend the Columbia County Rail Safety and Mobility Study contract by \$34,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

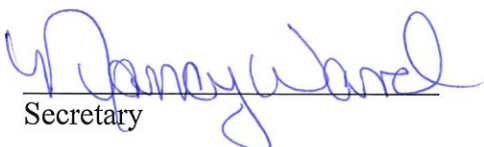
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Port of Columbia County

By: 

President

Attested By:



Secretary