## RESOLUTION NO. 1154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING STATE REFERENDUM BILL 51, FINANCING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH TRANSPORTATION TAXES AND FEES, AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002, STATE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed House Bill 2969 authorizing new taxes and fees for regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, HB 2969 directs the Secretary of State to place the referendum on the General Election ballot in November; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound region has been rated among the worst congested regions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the ability to move people and goods on our transportation system is essential to the livability and economic vitality of the Puget Sound region and our state; and

WHEREAS, there have been no increases in the State gas tax since 1991 to provide funding for major state transportation projects and the state has realized a reduction of 21% in overall state funding for transportation as a result of initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the unfunded need for transportation projects in the Puget Sound region alone has grown to \$30 billion as determined by the Puget Sound Regional Council's Destination 2030 Plan, and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to retaining and attracting companies that provide economic viability and family-wage jobs to the Puget Sound region and the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, all cities will receive a direct distribution of 2.4 percent or \$75 million from the gas tax portion of Referendum 51, and Redmond will receive \$1,185,951 over ten years to benefit Redmond transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature also passed ESSB 6347 authorizing expenditure of the new transportation revenues on specific projects; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 405 would receive over \$1.7 billion, State Route 520 would receive \$100 million and Interstate 90 would receive \$10 million if Referendum 51 is approved; and

WHEREAS, adding additional capacity on regional facilities such as I-405, SR 520, and I-90 are necessary to accommodate the intent and spirit of the state Growth Management Act and to allow urban areas to continue to manage future growth; and

WHEREAS, funding from Referendum 51 would contribute to necessary transportation projects that will provide significant mobility and economic benefits for the citizens, employers, and visitors of Redmond, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Redmond hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of state Referendum 51, which will be presented to the voters at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

RESOLVED this 6th day of August 2002.

CITY OF REDIVIONE

MAYOR, ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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July 31, 2002 August 6, 2002