



**STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION**

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director   
**DATE:** July 26, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** **SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study: Governmental Contract Agreement Between RTC and WSDOT, Resolution 08-16-20**

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**AT A GLANCE - ACTION**

*This resolution describes the tasks for the SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study and asks the RTC Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with WSDOT to manage the study and begin the consultant selection process.*

**INTRODUCTION**

WSDOT has requested that RTC manage the SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study. The Circulation Study is part of the state funded Bingen Overpass project. The objective of the Circulation Study is to identify current and future travel trends along SR-14 in the Bingen/White Salmon area and identify transportation needs. RTC would manage the Circulation Study with professional services provided by a consultant firm.

This resolution requests that the RTC Board authorize the Executive Director to enter an agreement with WSDOT to manage the SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study. RTC staff will begin the competitive consultant selection process and will return to the RTC Board within the next few months to seek authorization to enter into a consultant service agreement.

**PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK**

The study corridor encompasses the SR-14 corridor from Mile Post 63.5 (SR-141 Alt.) to Mile Post 68.0 (East Bingen City Limits), including the BNSF main line. A summary of the study tasks is provided below:

Task 1 – Vehicle Traffic: Compile and analyze baseline and future vehicle traffic.

Task 2 - Rail Traffic: Compile and analyze baseline and future rail traffic.

Task 3 - Grade-separated Railroad Crossing: Assess traffic pattern changes resulting from the construction of a new grade-separated railroad crossing.

Task 4 – Improvements: Assess the need for future improvements, including alternatives and potential cost.

Task 5 – Safety: Assess the current and future safety conditions within study area.

Task 6 - Economic Analysis: Evaluate the economic impact of a new Bingen Point Grade-separated Railroad Crossing.

Solicitation of competitive proposals from consulting companies qualified to do this type of work would commence in August 2016. RTC would oversee, in partnership with WSDOT and select Klickitat Transportation Policy Committee members, the review of responses to the solicitation and will make a recommendation for contracting to the RTC Board this fall.

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

The SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study will study traffic patterns to better inform the transportation decision process and the Bingen Overpass project. The study also meets the goals of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by studying transportation needs along the regional transportation system.

Action on this proposal is also consistent with the RTC Work Program which identifies partnership building and entering into enterprise work contracts with member agencies as a program priority.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

The agreement and related resources is additive to RTC’s current budget. Action on this resolution would authorize the RTC Executive Director to enter into an agreement with WSDOT to receive up to \$200,000 in State funding. The funding will be allocated between a consultant services contract and RTC to oversee management of the study.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adoption of Resolution 08-16-20 SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study would authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with WSDOT for up to \$200,000 for the SR-14 Bingen/White Salmon Circulation Study.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016  
by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

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ATTEST:

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Jack Burkman  
Chair of the Board

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Matt Ransom  
Executive Director