

RESOLUTION NO. 15-13

A Resolution Pertaining to Petroleum Transport by Rail Through Scappoose and The State of Oregon; Seeking Adoption of State Legislation And Federal Regulations; and State Assessment Of Risks.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Scappoose, Oregon, are committed to the protection of its citizens, as well as the natural resources on which the City depends that define the Columbia County region; and

WHEREAS, the P&W rail line runs through the City of Scappoose and has four at-grade railroad crossings located within the City. The rail line runs through both commercial and residential districts, as well as abutting all Scappoose Public Schools and is directly parallel with the Highway 30 corridor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Scappoose supports projects that provide economic and job benefits locally and regionally and recognizes the importance of rail transportation to support industry; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are concerned with public safety, environmental impacts and the economic disruption from a possible derailment and spill of crude oil from trains running through the City of Scappoose and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, P&W has undertaken numerous voluntary measures to improve crude oil rail safety, and the receiver of the crude oil has committed to use tank cars improved over the standard DOT 111 design in movements to Port Westward; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Scappoose strongly urges the U.S. Congress and U.S. Department of Transportation to strengthen federal tank car design and operation laws and 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. We believe that all crude oils transported through Scappoose should only be transported in the CPC 1232-rated tank cars unless more stringent design standards are recommended by PHMSA.

Section 2: The City of Scappoose supports measures to minimize the volatile nature of the product before it leaves the demarcation point at the source. If stabilizing additives can be infused into the product and refined out during the refining process, perhaps to be recycled on future loads, this should be done before the product moves.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Scappoose City Council and signed by me in authentication of its Passage this 6th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON



Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:



Susan M Reeves, MMC, City Recorder